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College celebrates 150th birthday

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Tom DeLuca hypnotizes students as part of the sesquicentennial celebration.

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

The Sesquicentennial kick-off party began on Monday, Jan. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Sponsored by the Sesquicentennial Committee and Campus Programming Committee, the event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a show by hypnotist Tom DeLuca, the chance to get old-fashioned photographs taken and make snow globes, refreshments, a concert by Sound Adjustment and fireworks. In addition to these festivities, President R. Thomas Williamson was present to personally distribute Westminster pins to the students.

Out of all the events, most students said they enjoyed watching DeLuca hypnotize their friends the most. He gathered about 18 participants on stage for a show that mesmerized and baffled participants and onlookers. "I think students really enjoyed having DeLuca on campus," said Tim Bogertman, RD of Eichenauer.

DeLuca did not successfully hypnotize all the participants though. Senior Tyler Domske explained: "I thought it was really exciting, but I was disappointed that I didn't get hypnotized because I was prepared for this experience to be the culmination of my Westminster career," Domske said. "I was sadly disappointed."

On the other hand, Junior Vicki Vroble's hypnotism was successful, and during the show DeLuca compelled her to believe she was Britney Spears. "I know everyone enjoyed the hypnotist show, but please," Vroble said, "having people yell 'Britney' at me from across campus is getting old fast!"

Nonetheless, the show was a huge success. Junior Abby Wessel, CPC chair said, "I was pleased at the response of the students and the rest of the campus community to the events so meticulously planned by CPC." Wessel said she looks forward to such participation at future CPC sponsored events, including Mardi Gras on Feb. 1.

Freshman elected new mayor of Mercer

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Most freshmen have their hands full with classes and homework. But for freshman Christopher Portman, school work is just the beginning. After a day's worth of class, Portman is off to the office to put in time at his job—his job as mayor of Mercer county. "When I am in college I am a college student, I just have a different job to do in the evenings and on weekends," Portman said.

Portman ends his days of class on campus around 11:30 or Noon every day. He then heads home for some lunch and starts working on homework. Around 2 p.m. he checks in at the borough building and has his daily meeting with the chief of police before attending to other mayoral matters. His evenings are then spent relaxing or finishing his homework.

"I like to get all my work done during the week, that way I can spend the weekends relaxing or attending meetings and dinners," Portman said.

Portman is a commuter because he says it makes his job easier. "It's nice to be only five minutes away instead of 15 minutes from work," Portman said.

Portman first became interested in politics at the age of seven. He remembers watching the Gulf War on television and asking questions about the President and his duties to the country. "I got very interested in the Presidency and when I got older, about 10 or 11, I decided I wanted to run for President and thought mayor would be a good place to start," Portman said.

Overall, people were fairly accepting of his decision to run for mayor. "Of course people said I was too young, but I believe no matter how young you are you can still make decisions," Portman said.

Portman has help from former mayor, now president of Mercer borough, Council John G. "Jerry" Johnson. Johnson helps put Portman's ideas into play using his knowledge and experience as former mayor. "I tell him what I would like to see done and ask now how can we do this," Portman said.

Portman has lived in Mercer most of his life, since age 1. He is a Republican and will earn $1,875 a year as mayor. He oversees the

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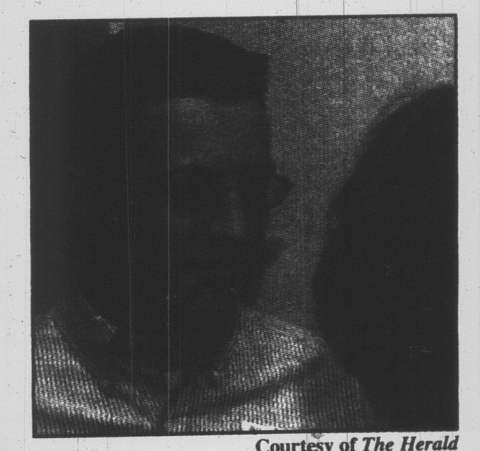

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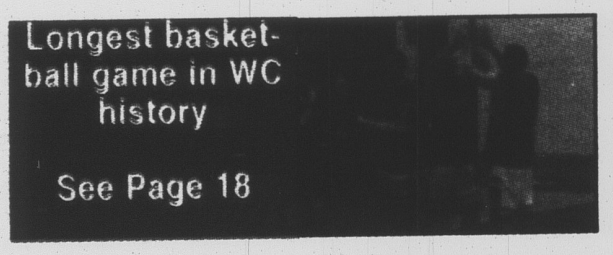
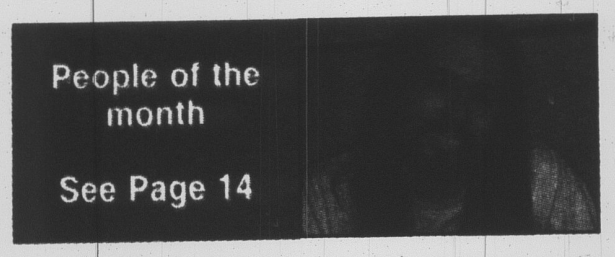
Christopher Portman





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CAMPUS NEWS

Chapel service held to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

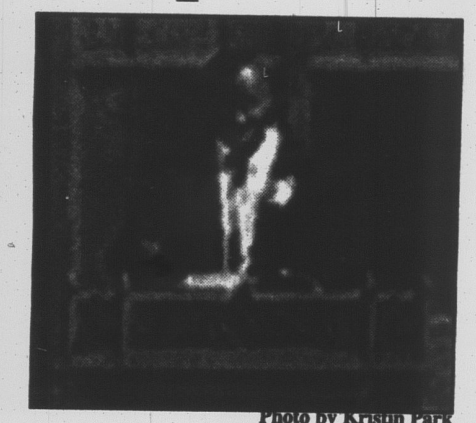

Photo by Kristin Park
The Rev. Alfonse Allen spoke on campus.

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Alfonse Allen was the keynote speaker in a service honoring the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The service was held on Jan. 21 and attended by a large crowd of students, faculty and community members in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

President R.Thomas Williamson delivered a welcome address, drawing comparisons between King's birthday and the 150th birthday of the college. "While both dreams have come a long way, the real dream is yet to come," Williamson said. "There is more work to be done, both for this college and for the dream of Martin Luther King."

After a performance by the college gospel choir, Allen delivered a stirring lecture. "If you have the joy of the spirit in your heart, no one gave it to you, so you shouldn't allow anyone to take it from you," Allen said.

Allen is the pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Scranton, Pa, and was born and raised in Sharon. He is also a civil rights and community activist as a member of Black Men for Progress, and serves on the board of directors for the Southwest Gardens Redevelopment Center.

Following Allen's lecture, college diversity coordinator the Rev. Jeannette Hooks spoke about King. "God anointed him to ensure the equality of human affairs," Hooks said. "Dr. King was a man of destiny whose teachings still echo strongly today."

Despite much debate earlier in the school year, classes were still held on King's observed birthday. Currently, plans are in motion not to have classes on that day beginning in the 2003-2004 school year.

Junior Cristy Laudadio attended the service, and believes having classes does not take away from the day. "As long as you pay respect for the meaning of the day, that's all that is important," Laudadio said. "And you can still do that if you have classes."

Sophomore Mike Cubellis cited precedence in other holidays. "We don't get the day off from class for Labor Day or Veteran's Day, so I think we should have classes."

Sophomore Ryan Ciavarino agrees. "A lot of other colleges have classes on that day," Ciavarino said. "It's not like we're the only ones."

Perkins receives first McCandless Scholar Award

By Sarah Lohr
STAFF WRITER

Dr. James A. Perkins, chair of the department of English and public relations has been named the first recipient of the McCandless Scholar Award.

The award will allow Perkins to work on the third and fourth editions of the *Selected Letters of Robert Penn Warren*.

"Working with the letters project will enhance my teaching of textual criticism," Perkins' proposal stated.

The first two volumes, which Perkins also worked on, range from 1924 to 1943 and the next two editions will move chronologically from the second volume.

Perkins has been researching Warren since 1989 and is the vice president of the Robert Penn Warren Circle and the head of the Warren Centennial Committee.

He has also written the book, *Robert Penn Warren: All the King's Men, the Three Stage Versions*.

When asked why he applied for the award, Perkins replied, "I've always got more projects than time and this offered some time."

The award will give Perkins a stipend and an eight-hour class waiver during the 2002-2003 academic year.

"I'm honored," Perkins said, "I think that scholarship is important to the continued growth of classroom teachers."

Much of Perkins' research will be done via e-mail and letters and will require a large photocopying budget.

Perkins said he doesn't hope to travel much to complete the project.

Robert Penn Warren, author of *All the King's Men*, is a three time Pulitzer prize winner and one of only two authors to ever win in two different genres, fiction and poetry, Perkins said. The letters are all from Warren to others.

"[Warren] was an immensely important figure in literature for half of a century," Perkins said.

Dr. J. Bardarah McCandless served as a professor of religious education from 1961 to 1994. When she passed away in Jan. of 1998, she left an endowment to the college to advance faculty development.

The annual award will be given to any full-time faculty member with a completed mid-probationary review that is chosen by a panel of six elected faculty members. Ms. Dorita Bolger, assistant professor, assistant librarian and reference librarian, heads the committee.

"His [Perkins'] application was superior … a very comprehensive, doable plan [with] scholarly intent," Bolger said.

She added, "He's a true scholar … he is intellectually curious about many subjects."

Perkins has been on the faculty since 1973 and remembers McCandless although he never worked closely with her. "All I know is that she was a kind and effective teacher," Perkins said.

He also added that she's been a prominent part of the college for years through her teaching and that a conference room in the admissions building is named for her.

Perkins will still act as the department head while working on his project and because of the large faculty, the waived hours will not affect courses offered in the English or public relations departments.

Proximity cards provide easy access and increased security

By Josh Storey
STAFF WRITER

Big Brother isn't watching as closely as you think. The new proximity card entry systems, recently installed in Eichenauer, Russell, Shaw and Jeffers, record student ID numbers whenever they scan cards, but according to Assistant Dean Molly Burnett, the administration has neither the time nor the resources to constantly monitor the activity.

The information will only be used in cases of vandalism, theft, or other such acts of deviance. Contrary to popular belief, the doors are not locked all day, only after midnight on the weekdays and after 1 a.m. on weekends.

John Lechner, assistant dean of security, said that though they are not installed yet, cameras could be added to the system with little difficulty, and the school will be looking into the topic during the summer.

Many students have expressed concerns about the possibility of malfunctions in the system. Dean Lechner said that malfunctions will not interfere with access to the buildings. "If there is a power failure the doors will open from the inside regardless. From the outside we can use a key override …we would have to have cut data lines or a damaged hub to interrupt the service."

One of the Eichenauer doors was not unlocking for residents due to a flaw in the software, the type of bug that can be expected in any new computer system. The problem has since been corrected.

The new system offers several advantages to students: the cards can be read through a book bag making entry into the buildings faster, the system can keep the wrong people out and let only the right people in, and Titan card replacement is much cheaper than key replacement. On the downside, students living in dorms with the new system must now remember to carry their Titan cards after dark. Also, although cheaper, cards can be broken more easily than keys.

Problems aside, the rest of the dorms should be outfitted with the keyless systems by next year.

Judy Shepard to speak about making communities safer

Judy Shepard, whose son was the victim of an anti-homosexual hate crime, will speak in Orr Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

On Oct. 8, 1998, Judy and Dennis Shepard were awakened in the middle of the night by a telephone call no parents should ever have to receive. Their eldest son, Matthew, was in a coma after having been brutally attacked because he was gay. Matthew died four days later.

Shepard was determined to use her grief over her son's death to make a difference. She has testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and has appeared in public service television spots aimed at curbing anti-gay violence. Now she is speaking to audiences across the country about what they can do to make their schools and communities safer for everyone, regardless of their race, sex, religion or sexual orientation.

"I feel Matthew with me every day, or I would not be able to do this," said Shepard. "I realize that what I can try to accomplish is to make people aware. We get so complacent in our lives that we forget not everyone is safe, and frequently, it is our children who aren't safe."

The event, which is part of the Black History and Diversity Month celebration, is sponsored by Allies, the Black Student Union, the Student Government Association, the Office of Diversity Coordinator, and the Student Affairs Office.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Toddler survives four days alone with dead mother

ELYRIA, Ohio (AP)--A 21-month-old survived four days alone in an apartment with his mother dead on the sofa by eating potato chips and part of a cookie and probably drinking toilet water.

Lorain County Coroner Paul Matus ruled Friday that the child's mother, Karen Crisp, 44, died of natural causes.

She had asthma and other lung problems. Matus said he was waiting for test results to determine exactly how Crisp died.

Her son, Allen Shackleford, was treated at EMH Regional Medical Center in Elyria and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland for malnutrition, dehydration and skin irritation.

Doctors also tested to make certain Allen had not ingested anything harmful, said Crisp's father, Herman Larkins.

The child was found Tuesday by police, who said he was shaking and clutching a bottle of tub and tile cleaner when they first saw him.

Cans of food lay on the sofa, suggesting he might have tried to mimic his mother making dinner. The toilet was dry, and relatives believe he got water from there since he couldn't reach any sinks.

No one had heard from Allen's mother since Jan. 18, when she called in sick for work at GMAC in North Olmsted. She had left work early on Jan. 15 because of illness and called in sick every day after that.

Her father, brother and baby sitter got only her answering machine when they called. Alarmed co-workers called her father on Tuesday, and he called police.

"I was talking to myself all the way over there," Larkins said.

"I was trying to keep myself calm. I got around the corner, and when I saw her car in the parking lot, it confirmed that something was wrong."

Apartment manager Cathy Fisher unlocked the door to the apartment, but a security chain kept a police officer and Larkins from entering.

They peered inside and the officer saw Allen standing near the door. They forced the door open.

Allen stood in a one-piece undershirt unsnapped at the bottom, and his soiled diaper was on the floor.

Crisp lay on the sofa on her side with her arms near her face, Larkins said.

"Her face was so distorted," Larkins said. "I lost it. The officer handed me the baby and pushed me out."

Larkins said he's not sure how much Allen understands about his mother's death.

Relatives have decided to let Allen's brother Kevin Crisp, 25, explain to him as he gets older how their mother died.

The family has not decided who will raise the child. Crisp was a single mother.

Dr. Deborah Koricke, a clinical and forensics psychologist, said Allen might remember pieces of what happened, but probably won't recall everything.

"The only trauma he experienced is not having his mother wake up," Koricke said. "His mother didn't die a violent death. I don't think he is necessarily damaged for life."

Regional Briefs

NAACP looking for volunteers

PITTSBURGH (AP)--The Pittsburgh branch of the NAACP is seeking young volunteers to act as "civil rights soldiers" and help the organization reach 100 goals for 2002.

Chapter President Tim Stevens outlined those goals and described the recruiting drive on Monday.

Volunteers are key to the organization, which only has two paid staff members, he said. Civil rights activism, even for many blacks, is not "on the front burner as it was in the 1950s and '60s," Stevens said.

"We need consistent, persistent, committed groups of people who stick to it," Stevens said.

The organization also plans to continue to professionalize the Pittsburgh branch and bring in more money through donations and having more fund-raisers, he said. Its largest fund-raisers now are the annual Human Rights Dinner and a jazz social in April.

Convention center to open without hotel

PITTSBURGH (AP)--The David L. Lawrence Convention Center is moving forward without an adjoining hotel.

Sports & Exhibition Authority officials approved $458,337 in change orders Monday for the center's design that will allow it to open in 2003 without a hotel.

"It's conceivable that we could be open at this time next year without final plans for the hotel," said authority Executive Director Steve Leeper. "It will be a somewhat unusual set of circumstances where we have a convention center, but the hotel rooms for that center are spread out throughout Downtown."

Leeper said it's not a strong time to be negotiating hotel deals. "The developers want to ensure that they'll get a return, and so does the city and the county," he said.

Plans for a hotel have been hampered as city and county officials continue to work on designs and financing with potential developers. The slowdown in travel that followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks also hampered hotel plans.

Man being sued over brownies

EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP)--A man who brought laxative-laced brownies to work to get back at co-workers who were eating his bagged lunches is being sued by one of the men who ate them.

John R. Anthony Sr., of Johnstown, is seeking unspecified damages from Raymond Jastrzab for the pain and embarrassment he suffered when he ate the brownies.

Jastrzab was fired from OMG Americas in Johnstown following the Jan. 27, 2000, incident and has been denied unemployment compensation after the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg ruled that he was guilty of willful misconduct and "evil design."

Jastrzab admitted to baking the brownies because co-workers had been eating his bagged lunches, the company said.

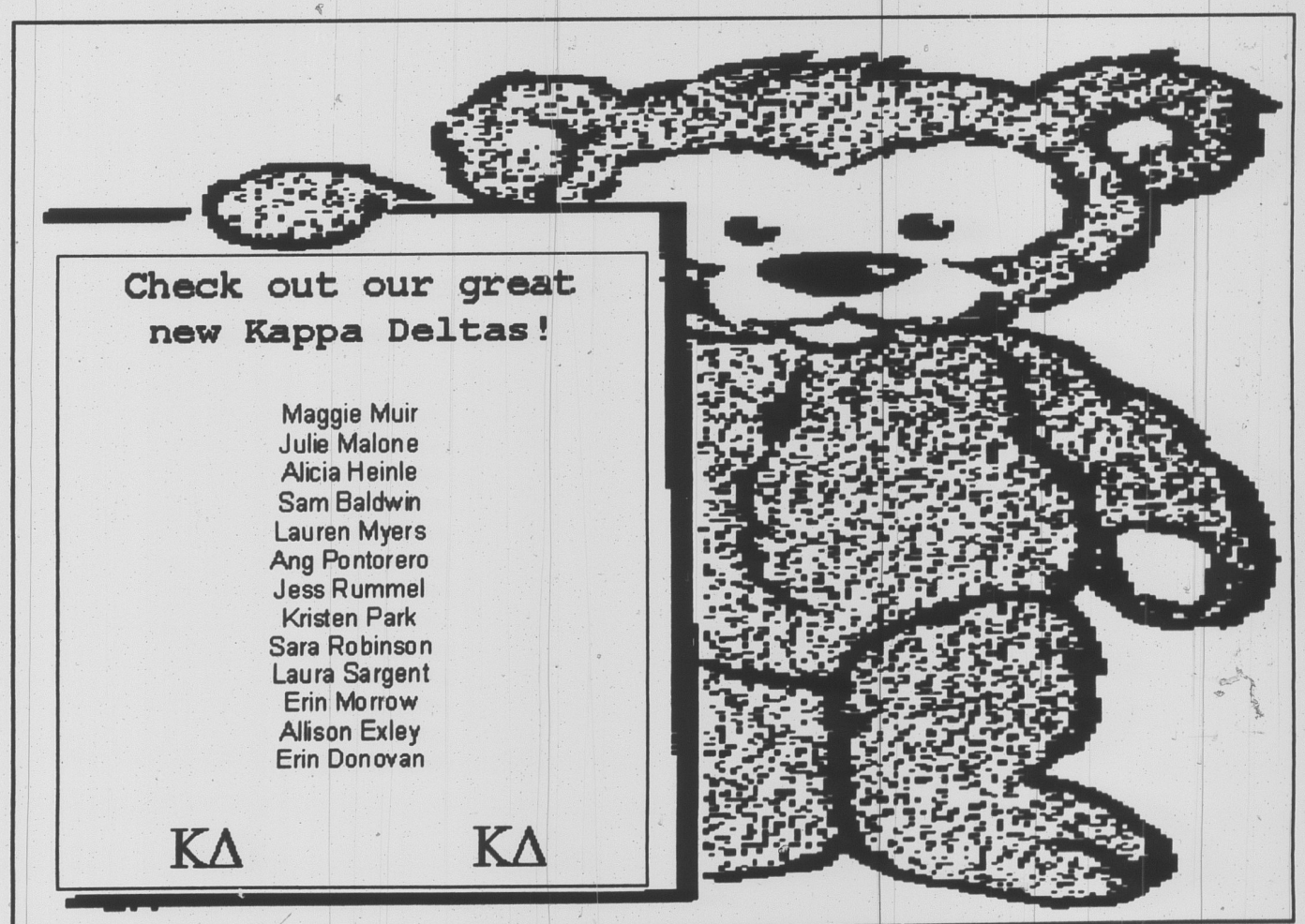
Anthony ate the brownies only after they had been left on a table in the plant's dining room, said his attorney, Terry Graffius. An unwritten rule of the plant held that food left on the table was available to anyone.

Jastrzab stood by and watched Anthony eat them, Graffius said.

"The actions of (Jastrzab) of setting a trap for another employee was done with the intent to cause harmful or offensive contact," Graffius said.

Anthony suffered nausea, diarrhea, cramps and dehydration which required medical attention after eating the brownies. The suit was filed in Cambria County Court.

Jastrzab has an unlisted number and could not be reached for comment.



NATIONAL

Wall Street Journal reporter kidnapped in Pakistan

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — Daniel Pearl, a Stanford University graduate of the Class of 1985 and a current reporter for the Wall Street Journal, is allegedly being held hostage in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group named "The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty."

The group sent an e-mail and four photographs of Pearl shackled--and in one instance with a gun held to his head--to several news organizations including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times and several publications based in the Middle East last Saturday.

The Wall Street Journal did not receive the e-mail.

In the e-mail, kidnappers accused Pearl of working for the Central Intelligence Agency and made several demands. They want the United States to return Pakistani prisoners in Cuba captured in the war against Afghanistan and also to release F-16 fighter jets that Pakistan bought in the 1980s.

The e-mail also said that Pearl is "at present being kept in very inhuman circumstances" and equated this condition to the U.S.'s treatment of the detainees in Cuba.

The CIA has denied any connection to Pearl.

The State Department has not yet verified that the photographs are authentic and issued a statement saying that they had never heard of the group that sent the e-mail.

"While we have no independent information to verify the group's statements, we take them quite seriously," a State Department spokesperson told the Stanford Daily.

The spokesperson referred to Pearl as a "respected journalist" and said that the Department is working with Pakistani officials to retrieve him.

"We of course believe that he should be released immediately and unconditionally," she said. The Department would not discuss intelligence information regarding Pearl's exact whereabouts or any efforts to rescue him.

Pearl was last seen on Wednesday night. The New York Times reported that he had been working on a story about Richard Reid, the alleged "shoe-bomber," and was going to interview the leader of the Army of Muhammad, a militant Islamic organization, on the night of his alleged abduction.

"In the interests of humanity, the terrorists should release Mr. Pearl immediately," said a statement issued by Steven Goldstein, vice president of Dow Jones & Co., which publishes the Journal. "Mr. Pearl is a private citizen employed by an independent newspaper. Neither he nor we can change the policies of the United States or Pakistan," the statement said.

Goldstein told the Daily that he had no information about why the group targeted Pearl.

Bush daughter suffers from substance abuse

By Brendan Farrington
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter has been charged with prescription fraud, police said Tuesday.

Police did not immediately release details of the charge against Noelle Bush, 24. Jeb Bush and his wife, Columba, issued a statement saying they were "deeply saddened" by the incident involving their only daughter.

"This is a very serious problem," they said in the statement. "Unfortunately, substance abuse is an issue confronting many families across our nation."

Bush asked the public and the media to "respect our family's privacy during this difficult time so that we can help our daughter."

"We will have no further comment on this issue," Bush said.

Noelle Bush graduated from Tallahassee Community College in 2000 and attended Florida State University during the 2000-2001 academic year, but is not currently enrolled, the university registrar's office said.

Her mother has worked on behalf of Informed Families of Florida, a nonprofit group involved in educating families about drug abuse.

Jeb and Columba Bush had said previously that one of their three children struggled with a drug problem following Bush's unsuccessful first run for governor in 1994. They did not say whether it was Noelle or one of her brothers.

President Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, have both been charged with underage drinking. Last May, Jenna was charged with using someone else's identification in an attempt to purchase a margarita at a restaurant, and Barbara was charged with underage drinking.

The charges were dropped after the twins performed community service, attended alcohol awareness classes and paid $100 fines. A separate underage drinking charge in April against Jenna Bush went on her record as a conviction because of the restaurant violation. A judge fined her $500 and suspended her license.

Need for DNA samples leads to new Web site

By Sara Kugler
AP STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - A new Web site for relatives of Sept. 11 victims has a list of missing which had not been previously released.

The site www.nyc.gov/dna was set up along with a telephone hot line for families to see if they need to provide additional DNA samples to help identify remains of their loved ones.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, said the list was posted as part of the office's takeover of the DNA collection, which had been maintained by the police department.

So far, medical examiners don't have enough DNA from toothbrushes, hairbrushes and other items submitted by families, officials say.

Borakove said she did not know how many files were incomplete. Of the 2,870 people reported missing at the trade center, the remains of only 692 have been identified, according to city figures released Monday.

Terry Strada, 39, said her heart sank when she called the hot line and was told the razor she submitted after the Sept. 11 attack did not hold enough of her husband's DNA.

"For four and a half months, I thought what I gave had been processed. I thought up until this point that my husband wasn't identified because they hadn't found him," said Strada, whose husband, Thomas, 41, worked for the bond firm Cantor Fitzgerald. "The truth is, he could be found and hasn't been identified because they don't have the right sample."

National Briefs

Man dies giving driving lessons

BAILEYS CROSSROADS, Va. (AP) - An Arlington man died from injuries he suffered while teaching a housemate how to drive.

Osmar Cedillo-Amaya, 38, was giving a driving lesson about 6:30 p.m. Monday to Maria Delcarmen Jimenez, 52, in the parking lot of the Culmore library, according to Fairfax County police. During the lesson, Jimenez accidentally hit the accelerator instead of the brake, causing the 1991 Toyota Corolla to cross a street, jump a curb and strike a tree in the yard of a home, police said.

Cedillo-Amaya was pronounced dead at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Jimenez was treated for minor injuries.

Police said Jimenez was wearing a lap belt and a shoulder restraint, but Cedillo-Amaya was wearing only the shoulder portion of his belt.

Police said Tuesday their investigation is continuing.

Navy ends search for sailor

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The Navy has ended its search for a sailor missing from an aircraft carrier off the coast of Southern California, officials said Monday.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph K. Kauffmann was presumed lost at sea, said Cmdr. Jack Papp, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Kauffmann, 20, of St. Louis, was discovered missing Saturday from the USS Abraham Lincoln. Navy ships and aircraft, aided by the Coast Guard, searched for Kauffmann for more than 36 hours in a 2,700 square mile area.

The search was called off Sunday evening.

The Navy is investigating his disappearance, Papp said.

The Lincoln, based in Everett, Wash., had been taking part in routine battle group exercises about 90 miles west of San Diego.

Kauffmann was assigned to Carrier Air Wing 14, based at Naval Air Station LeMoore, about 280 miles northeast of San Diego.

Airport security is no joking matter

ENFIELD, Conn. (AP) - A Florida man has learned that in comedy, timing is everything.

Manuel Curet, 37, of Orlando, spent the weekend in jail after he joked at Bradley International Airport on Friday that he had an Uzi submachine gun in his luggage.

Curet pleaded guilty Monday to breach of peace and was sentenced to time served by Superior Court Judge Jonathan J. Kaplan.

Curet apologized for his comments.

"It's really stupid of me to make a comment like that," Curet said. "I was trying to make the lady laugh."

Lost wallet found in Japan

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) - When Jason Powell lost his wallet in a grass field last year, he never thought it would turn up in Japan.

"I'd pretty much given up on it," said Powell, who works at a grass seed farm. "I thought if the combine picked it up, it would have been shredded by the big chompers in back. A guy came and baled the straw and exported it to Japan."

Unbeknownst to Powell, the guy also exported his wallet.

In early January, Powell got a mysterious package with a foreign postmark. He opened it, cautiously, and found a "dirty black thing" inside--his wallet--still containing $6, a license, credit cards and social security card.

The package was mailed by Sodayuki Arimuta, a farmer from the southern tip of Japan.

It contained a letter that said: "Nice to meet you. Your purse was found in my farm."

Powell said he'll keep his wallet as a memento.

"I was shocked. I never expected to see it again," he said.

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police force of 6 officers. Portman has a girlfriend, Kimberly Lange, who is 17 and a high school senior. He celebrated his inauguration with a family dinner followed by an evening watching his girlfriend cheer at a Mercer High School basketball game.

Portman said he is no different than any other 19-year-old college freshman, he just sees things differently. "I have a different outlook on life, I see things through a different lens. We all wear glasses, I just see through a different lens," Portman said.

"Everyone has a different job. I have a job to do, it just requires a little more responsibility than some others," Portman said.

INTERNATIONAL

Body of suspected ritual murder found in river

By Audrey Woods
AP STAFF WRITER

LONDON (AP) - The body of a young boy found floating in the River Thames was dismembered in a way that is consistent with African ritual murder, an expert said Tuesday as police appealed to the public for information about the child.

The torso of the boy, believed to be 5 to 7 years old and of African origin, was found Sept. 21 near London's Tower Bridge. The body was in orange shorts and had been in the water for up to 10 days.

Police efforts to identify the boy, whom they call Adam, have failed, although a reward of 50,000 pounds (dlrs 72,500) has been offered for information leading to conviction of his killer. Dr. Hendrik Scholtz, a South African expert in ritualistic murders who had been asked to take part in a second autopsy of the boy, told a news conference Tuesday that the body bore all the hallmarks of a ritualistic death.

He said human sacrifice would be staged by a few people seeking to obtain supernatural powers to be successful in areas like business or politics.

"The person is sacrificed to awaken the supernatural force required to attain that goal," he said at the National Police Training Centre in Bramshill, southern England.

"It is my opinion that the nature of the discovery of the body, features of the external examination including the nature of the wounds, clothing and mechanism of death are consistent with those of a ritual homicide as practiced in Africa," Sholtz said.

Police discovered seven half-burned candles wrapped in a white sheet washed up on the southern shore of the Thames in London. The name Adekoye Jo Fola Adeoye was written on the sheet and the name Fola Adeoye was inscribed on the candles.

Detective Inspector Will O'Reilly told the news conference that the name on the white sheet was common in Nigeria's Yoruba area, but so far they had not been able to trace anyone of that name in the Britain.

Detectives have not positively linked the sheet and candles with the death. But they are now looking at whether the murder was part of a Yoruba or "muti" ritualistic murder. They also are considering a pedophile killing, a domestic death and other possibilities. Police said they have been in close communication with detectives in Germany and Belgium, where there have been three similar cases involving the murder of children whose bodies were disposed of in running water.

Experts had said "Adam" was around 5 years old. But Scholtz said he thought the boy was probably nearer the age of 7, and that the circumcision had some relevance to finding the origin of the ritual. In South Africa, he said, boys were not normally circumcised until age 18, but in other areas of Africa, including West Africa, it is often much earlier.

Fans mourn the creator of Pippi Longstocking; dead at 94

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Flowers, candles and notes piled up outside the home of Pippi Longstocking's creator, Astrid Lindgren, on Tuesday as Swedes mourned the death of the beloved writer.

Lindgren died in her sleep at her home on Monday at the age of 94.

Mourners left mementoes near the door of Lindgren's apartment building in downtown Stockholm and sang some of the popular songs from her stories.

The Astrid Lindgren center in Vimmerby, the small town in the southern province of Smaaland where she was born, set out a book of condolences for mourners to sign along with a site on the Internet.

"Dozens of people have come here to sign their names in the book," spokesman Nils-Magnus Angantyr said.

Angantyr said that a memorial service with the family and the bishop was to be held Saturday in Vimmerby. Funeral details were not confirmed.

Lindgren, who drew on her childhood memories to write more than 100 novels, short stories, plays, songbooks and poetry, was best known for her stories about the freckled Pippi Longstocking, with her unmistakable braided red hair and mismatched stockings.

Lindgren's works were translated into dozens of languages and sold more than 130 million copies worldwide. About 40 films and television series were based on her stories.

Swedes also recall her soothing, gentle voice reading tales that became part of the culture, and newspapers around the world were filled with memories of her.

In Norway, the respected Oslo newspaper Aftenposten displayed a photo of Lindgren on its front page and the headline, "Our mommy is gone," while the country's largest newspaper, Verdens Gang, had the front-page headline "Astrid will live forever."

Meanwhile, the Helsinki Central Library in Finland displayed a commemorative table of the deceased writer's works.

A memorial also was planned for her hometown of Vimmerby, 220 kilometers (140 miles) south of the capital, Stockholm, although details were not determined.

"It might be a statue, or something that symbolizes her achievement, maybe something out of her books," community spokesman Bjoerne Davidson said.

International Briefs

Russia's nuclear power to double output

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's nuclear power plants will double their output by 2015 and will account for 30-35 percent of the country's energy, a nuclear energy official said Tuesday.

Deputy Nuclear Energy Minister Bulat Nigmatulin said much of the increase would come thanks to expansion of the Balakovo power plant in Central Russia, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

A fifth unit is to be commissioned in 2006 and a sixth in 2010. The two new units will have a capacity of 2 million kilowatts, the agency said. It quoted Dmitry Ayatskov, governor of the Saratov region, where the plant is located, as saying the completion of the new units would require about 25 billion rubles (dlrs 833 million).

Russia's nuclear industry has been in a slump since the 1986 disaster at the Soviet plant in Chernobyl, the world's worst nuclear accident. Many of the reactors in use today are in need of repair and experience frequent minor malfunctions.

Owners on trial for death in dog attack

ROCHEFORT, France (AP) - Maria Berthelot was walking down a street in western France over a year ago, when five dogs leaped through a hole in a fence and attacked, killing the 86-year-old on the spot.

The dogs' owners went on trial Tuesday accused of "manslaughter by failure to fulfill safety obligations" prior to the attack, which took place in June 2000 in the village of Tonnay-Charente in the Charente-Maritime region.

An inquiry into the attack indicated that the dogs--a pitbull and four American Staffordshire terriers--were left alone in a backyard while their owners went out for lunch.

Berthelot's mutilated body was found by a passing driver. Neighbors described the animals as being particularly aggressive.

The attack stunned local residents and many others across the country.

Prosecutors requested that the dogs' owners, Eliane Marsaud, 38, and her son, Anthony Dutin, 20, be handed a two-year jail term, including one suspended.

It was not immediately clear when the court would reach its verdict.

Hindu nationalists to construct temple

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Hard-line Hindu nationalists on Tuesday ruled out talks with the government and said they would mobilize one million people to begin the construction of a temple on the site of a razed 16th century mosque.

"There is no question of postponement of the March 12 deadline. Our decision is final," Press Trust of India quoted Pravin Togadia, secretary-general of the World Hindu Council, as saying in the Indian capital.

The council is leading the campaign to build a huge temple to the Hindus' most revered deity Rama in Ayodhya, 550 kilometers (345 miles) east of New Delhi.

In 1992, Hindu extremists tore down the 16th century Babri mosque in Ayodhya with spades, crowbars and their bare hands, triggering fierce clashes between Hindus and Muslims that killed 2,000 people, mostly Muslims, across India.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Holcad continues 120 years of news tradition

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

The Holcad has been a tradition of the college for nearly 120 years. The earliest edition found on microfilm in the library dates back to September 1914.

Years ago, *The Holcad* office was in Old Main, room 212, which is a computer lab to us. The cost of a *Holcad* in 1914 was $1.25 per year for those who paid in advance, otherwise the paper cost $1.50 and a single copy was 5 cents.

The first few years of *The Holcad* followed a relatively non-serious, laid back tone. Football took up many of the pages of the newspaper in the early part of the 20th century.

As the season began, *The Holcad* would include a "Football Prospectus," providing its readers with a game guide as well as a preview for the upcoming season, who was and wasn't going to play and so forth.

Later, in 1915, *The Holcad* would adopt a Football Extra Edition. That year, *The Holcad* was recognized for this edition by a Pittsburgh newspaper.

Cheeky columns with names like "Don'ts for the New Students," "The Who's Who" and "The College Quartet" usually shared the front page with the Football Prospectus.

"Don'ts for the New Students," also called "Freshies and Froshies," gave advice to the incoming freshman class.

"Don't trifle with the grand mogul of room 11, Don't think that if you're not a star you can't help with the Varsity. If you have some good manly muscle get out and help the scrubs. Don't spend all of your time before the mirror. Your room mate may be beautiful too," was just some of the advice upperclassman provided from incoming "froshies" in 1914.

Some early *Holcad* articles had headlines like, "Charming Porch Party at the Hillside On Last Friday," and "Annual Y.W. Event Friday Afternoon."

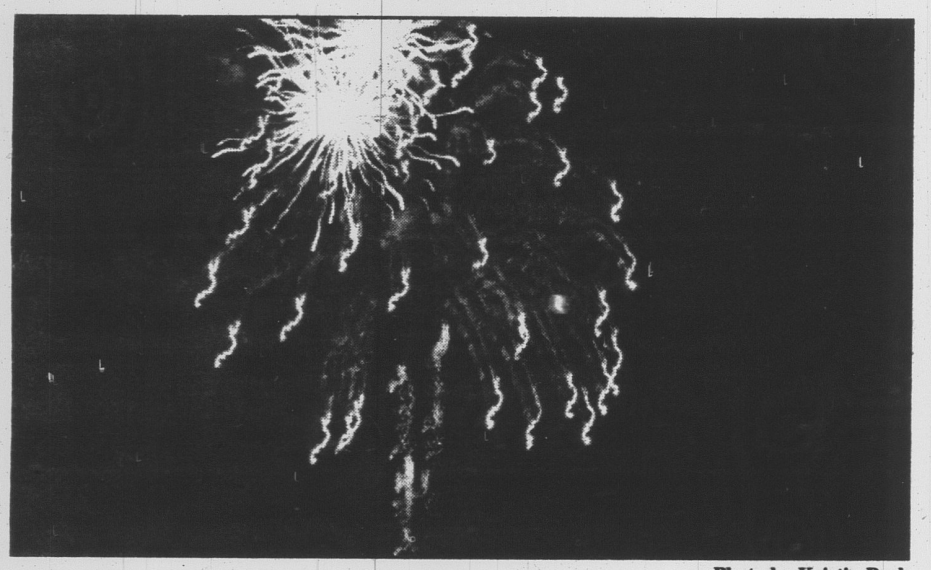
The inside of *The Holcad* was filled with more columns, including a poetry corner and a section called, "Tips for Young Writers," which was written by Professor Eisenwine.

His tips included "All heroes are named Jack, Stanley or Dick. All college men wear sweaters always and smoke short, fat bowled pipes. The heroine is generally known as Peg or Betty and she plays tennis and eats fudge. As a rule always have your hero swear to die for his frat and his dear old Alma Mater."

Advertisements were also abundant in the early years of *The Holcad*. Included among the ads for Winter Bros., C.C. McCrumb and the Walk-Over Boot Shop, were advertisements placed by the students. One such ad read, "Wanted: A Girl."

Also on the inner pages of the early *Holcad* was news about various sororities, fraternities and clubs. Because there was no women's swim team, the women who liked to swim started a Mermaid Club.

Other interesting facts about the history of the college can be obtained from past issues of *The Holcad*.



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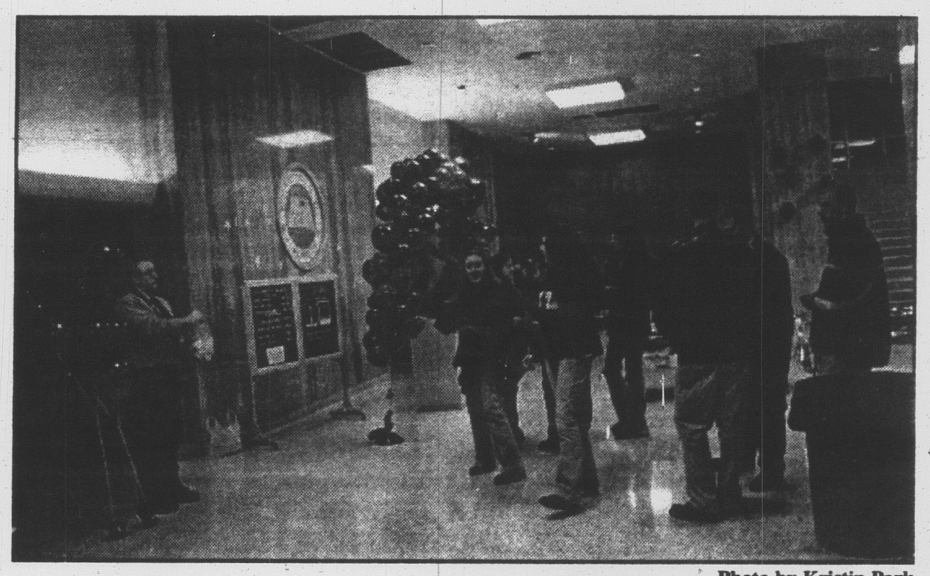
The fireworks display during the sesquicentennial celebration awed many students.



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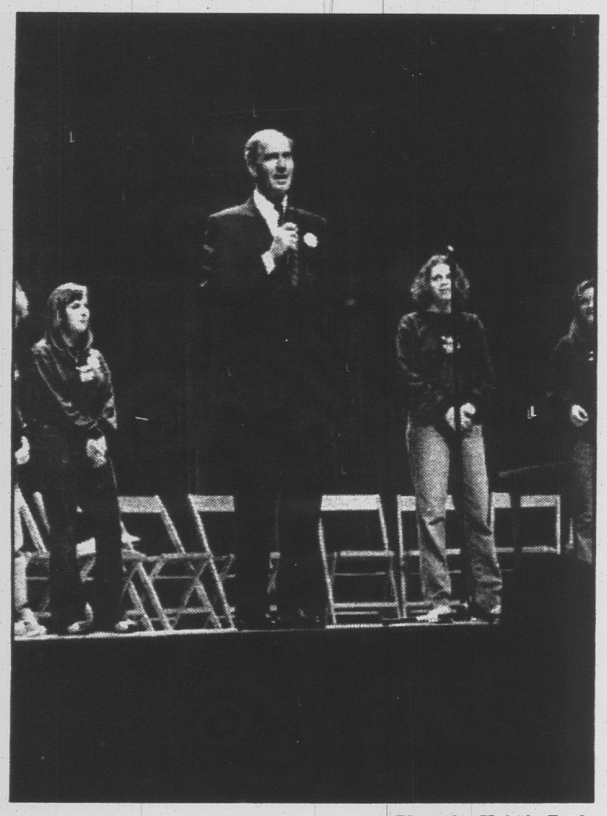
Students enter the auditorium to see Tom DeLuca, stopping first to pick up their Westminster button, courtesy of the school.



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President R. Thomas Williamson welcomed students to the celebration.

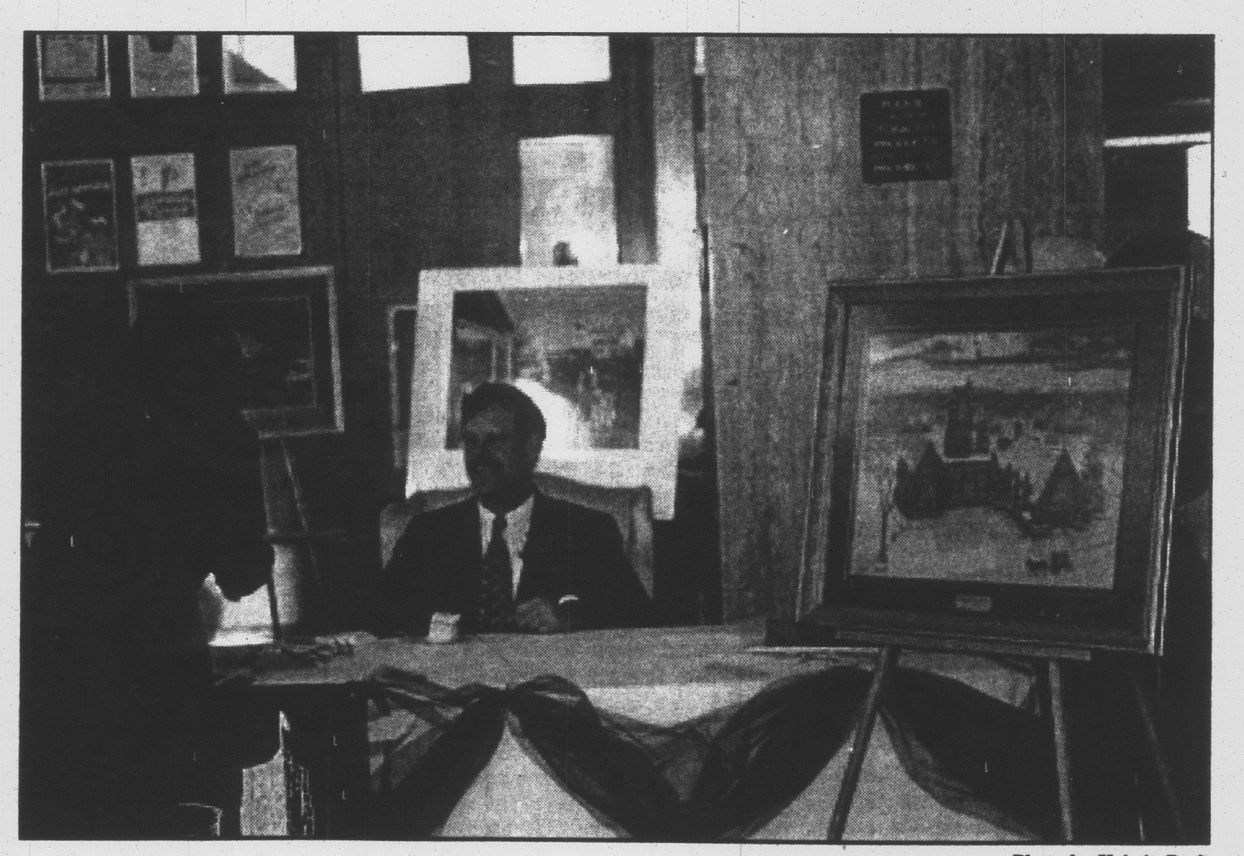

Photo by Kristin Park
J. G. McGill signs his painting, "Glorious, Grand, and True, 150 years."

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RECEPTION.

Annual Y. W. Event Friday Afternoon.

The annual Y. W. reception, held at the Hillside, Friday afternoon was a "holy circus"—the holy refers to the Y. W. and the circus to the pink lemonade. The new girls, all present in their Sunday dresses and their company manners, were immediately made at home by the address of welcome delivered by Miss Janet McCalmont, after which they considered themselves at liberty to converse with perfect freedom with—and about—each other. Everything went very smoothly except that the lunch was delayed a little because of the difficulty experienced by the caterers (Kitchie, Kinks & Co.) in filling the punch bowl, the explanation being that the necessity of sampling the contents upon adding each new ingredient made it impossible to get the bowl reasonably full. However, everyone who managed to secure a sample of what was left declared it to be satisfactory, and as guests usually come only for refreshments and to see each other's dresses, the event was most successful.

THE WHO'S WHO.

The First Home Letter of a Freshman.

New Wilmington, Pa.,
Sept. 18, 1914.

Dear Ma.—

I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me already, but I wanted to tell you what a big time i had last nite. It was called a whooze-who social, and was held in Adelphic Hall. Since i arrived I have had a lonely feeling for Meadow-brook Farm and the old oaken bucket, but last nite's affair has put the soft pedal on rustic scenes for me.

There was a reception Com. that met us at the door with the glad hand. I soon found out what was meant by Whooze who. They gave us each a card and a pencil and the idea was to swap with

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THE FOOT BALL PROSPECTUS

The 1914 football season at Westminster was ushered in with a week of preliminary training. The first "work-out" was held on College Field on September 9. About fifteen men reported at that time, and the size of the squad has gradually increased until at the present time it numbers about 25.

Six of last year's regulars, Tallant, Canon, Wilson, Acheson, Tormay and Vincent, will not be in school this year, and the loss of their services will be severely felt. However, Johnston, Patton, McCune, A. Vincent, Hart and Neal of the last year's scrub team are with the squad again and are working hard to land first string jobs. Also a promising bunch of new material has joined the squad and are making things hot for some of the veterans. Harold of Uniontown and Sloops of Coraopolis are showing up well at both end and half, while Hum of Hiram, Forney of New Castle, and Holland of Sharon are making strong bids for back field positions. In the line, Dart of New Castle and Berry of Boise, Idaho, look good for regular berths. On the whole the team will average nearly as heavy as last year's championship eleven.

The schedule of games arranged for this season is the most difficult we have had for years. It is as follows:

ABROAD

Sept. 26—State at State College.
Oct. 3—University of Pittsburgh,
Oct. 17—W. & J. at Washington
Oct. 24—Hiram at Hiram
Nov. 7—Carnegie Tech. at Pitts bgh
Nov. 21—Grove City at Grove City

AT HOME

Oct. 10—Slippery Rock
Oct. 31—Geneva
Nov. 14—Open

There has been a tendency on the part of some students to twit the members of the team about the number of pieces in which they would return from Penn State, and to suggest that they make out their wills before they go. To say the least this is not the "Old Westminster Spirit," and will not inspire a great deal of confidence in your team. Perhaps this is done thoughtlessly. However that may be we ask those thoughtless ones to dispose of their "hammers" at once. If you must make a noise buy a horn, it's not so offensive. Time alone will tell what wonders can be accomplished this fall if the united support of the school is back of the team.

Dont's for the New Students.

Don't trifle with the grand mogul of room 11.

Don't think that if you're not a star you can't help the Varsity. If you have some good manly muscle get out and help the scrubs.

Don't allow your schedule to be lop-sided. If you are able to juggle Cosines, you should also be able to read Chaucer.

Don't brag about your fine high school course. We've all been there, too. Besides the professors all expect more of you.

Don't spend all of your time before the mirror. Your room mate may be beautiful too.

Don't walk out ahead of your Senior head. You might be beheaded.

Dont brag about the good meals you have at home. Some of the rest of us have something to eat once in a while too.

Don't allow your shoes to get dusty. It's a sign of negligence.

Don't put any tacks in the wall. It's hard on the points.

Don't visit the postoffice. That's one of the things the discipline committee doesn't approve.

Don't spend your pin-money foolishly. $450.00 will buy a new Ford (and the $60 return will pay your tuition next year.)

Speaking of war news—the headlines of today are the unconfirmed rumors of tomorrow.

THE COLLEGE QUARTE

Vacation Trip in Pennsylv Ohio and New York

Westminster was represe during the summer by the known quartet composed of Stewart, Fulton, Cummings a M. Stewart. This aggreg started out after Commence under the able management W. Orr. The first two w were spent in Ohio and we and many are the tales we about those first two weeks said that the home mails overloaded with appeals for cy which did not come immedi and Orr will tell you, if you him, how he spent two day Cleveland without a cent.

After this the quartet journ to New York State and co that country thoroughly, pa the time following close on heels of the Monmouth qu which seems to have strayed from it's accustomed terri About this part of the trip are no stories of hardship In fact life in New York seem have been one long, sweet d for we hear of picnics in the skills and of boat rides o Hudson and of long walks u the stars and of other plea too numerous to mention.

There are a few other inci of the tour which are, worth mention. Quite a number of certs were given during spar ments and once in a while they found a likely looking fe the boys would tell him abou college. In regard to the co there is nothing but praise everyone who heard them

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Glee Club Announceme

Within the next two weeks will be issued a call for candi for the College Glee Club. All in college who have any a along this line are requeste respond and to try for a pla the club. In addition to the during Easter vacation a nu of other concerts will be during the winter.

SPORTS

Grove City wins in quadruple overtime

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Nearly 1600 fans added to the parking problem on campus Saturday night as the Titans hosted PAC nemesis Grove City in a historic match.

Grove City eventually took the win 111-101 after four overtime periods, making it the longest game in either school's history.

The Wolverines improved to 14-5 with the win, while Westminster fell to 7-12 on their fourth straight loss.

The Titans led 38-31 at the half, opening to a 16 point lead, 43-27, with 13:14 left in regulation, before an 18-2 Wolverine run tied the game at 45-all with 7:56 remaining on the clock.

The teams exchanged the lead for the next several minutes, when the action finally paused with a Westminster foul at the 8-second mark. Tanner Prosser, of Grove City, put back a missed free throw for the tie at 61, and sparked the first overtime.

Grove City led throughout the first extra period, widening the gap by six points with 39 seconds to play, when an 8-2 Titan run, capped by sophomore guard Mike Hill, evened the score with 11 seconds to play.

The lead changed hands repeatedly during the second overtime, ending with 80 points apiece and sending the match into the third and penultimate extra period.

A three-point shootout during the third overtime evened out with both teams adding 12 to the board, but Westminster's final attempt fell short and sent the game in the historic fourth and final extra period.

Grove City maintained control throughout the final period, outscoring the Titans 19-9 and sending home equally exhausted fans and players.

Hill led all scoring with a career-high 28 points, while sophomore forward Andy Podbielski added 13 points and 10 rebounds from the bench.

"I told our kids I was proud of them," Head Coach Jim Dafler said. "We missed some chances to put the game away and didn't get some breaks, but not for lack of effort."

The Titans will host PAC rival Washington and Jefferson this Saturday for a Groundhog Day match. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

Facts about the game:

* It was the longest game (four overtimes) in the history of either school. Westminster played its first men's basketball game in 1897, while Grove City began a year later.

* The two teams combined for 13 lead changes and 16 ties.

* The teams combined for 154 field goal attempts and 87 free throws.

* Six players fouled out in the game, three for both teams. A total of 63 fouls (34 vs. Westminster, 28 vs. Grove City) were called.

* The last overtime game in Westminster history was a 103-97 loss to Michigan Tech on Nov. 22, 1999.

* Despite playing 300 minutes of basketball, no Grove City player committed more than two turnovers.

* Pat Roberts of Grove City led all players by playing 49 of a possible 60 minutes, followed by teammate Tann Prosser (48 minutes). Greg Foster led Westminster with 45 minutes played, followed by Mike Hill with 41.

Lady Titans defeat Grove City 67-62

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team returned from a 16-point halftime deficit to defeat visiting Grove City 67-62 last weekend.

The win brought the ladies back to .500 on the season and 3-1 in the PAC.

Westminster drew first blood early in the contest, but the Wolverines soon grabbed and maintained the lead for the remainder of the first half, going into the locker room ahead by 16 at 37-21.

The momentum clearly changed over the course of a five-minute run early in the second half, when the Titans outscored Grove City 21-2, gaining a one-point lead at 42-41. Throughout the rest of the match, the Wolverines never regained a lead, coming within three only once.

During the contest, senior guard Robin Thayer scored a game-high 15 points, bringing her career total to 1,166, just 19 points shy of the program's all-time career record set by Colleen Dion between 1992 and 1996.

Three Titans joined Thayer in adding double digits to win. Junior guards Ashley Kenney and Jennifer Petures put up 12 and 11 points respectively, while freshman guard Alyson Gasper contributed a career-high 10 points.

The ladies will return to action this weekend at Bethany.

Swimmers rank high in division

The men's and women's swim teams are each well represented among the top NCAA Division II swim times in the nation.

Junior Jim Mann is ranked 12th and senior Eric Mojock is ranked 20th in the 100 backstroke. Junior Seth Bontrager ranks 27th in the 400 individual medley.

Sophomore Brittany Jardine ranks 16th in the 50 freestyle, 18th in the 100 butterfly and 24th in the 200 butterfly. Junior Stefanie King is ranked 16th in the 200 breaststroke and 23rd in the 100 breaststroke. Senior Jaime Sell ranks 36th in the 1650 freestyle and 40th in the 1000 freestyle.

This Week in Sports

Saturday, 2/2/02
ITF at Slippery Rock Invitational
SW at Wash. & Jeff.*/Hiram - 1 p.m.
MBB at Bethany* - 2 p.m.
WBB at Bethany* - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/5/02
SW VS. GROVE CITY* - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/6/02
WBB VS. WAYNESBURG* - 6 p.m.
MBB VS. WAYNESBURG* - 8 p.m.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Sunday marks another exciting conclusion to an unpredictable football season – the Super Bowl. For many people, the Super Bowl is not only a thrilling game between the best team in each league, it is an event. No other sport has a championship game quite like this. Baseball, hockey and basketball all determine the winner in a series, making the final game unpredictable. The Super Bowl, however, is on a Sunday evening, yet the festivities start in the early afternoon. Super Bowl Sunday is practically an American holiday, observed by football lovers and haters alike. The game is more intense, the excitement is more profound, and even the commercials are better. Overall, the Super Bowl is a sports tradition that more people participate in than any other sporting event in the United States.

This year's Super Bowl will prove to be no exception. The St. Louis Rams and the New England Patriots are two high-quality teams who have proven to be the best in their respective leagues. The Rams' path to the Super Bowl was expected; many say it is the best team in the NFL and any loss before this point would have been an upset. The Patriots, on the other hand, have won two games in which they were the underdog, including last week's thrilling victory over the Steelers. Once again, the Rams are heavily favored to win (with a spread of 14), but the Patriots seem to succeed when they are not expected to win.

Statistically, the Rams are a far better team than the Patriots. They are ranked first (by the NFL rankings) in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. They are second in total defense and third in rushing defense. The Patriots, however, are only 19 in total offense, 24 in total defense, and sixth in both scoring offense and scoring defense. On paper, the Rams clearly seem like the better team. That has been the case for the last two Patriots opponents, too, proving that what is on paper does not always determine the outcome.

A decision that must be made before this Sunday is whether Tom Brady or Drew Bledsoe will start for the Patriots. After a serious injury early in the season, Bledsoe was replaced permanently by Brady, who then led the team to a successful season. Bledsoe then replaced an injured Brady in the AFC Championship game and was the hero in an emotional comeback. Most likely, Brady will start on Sunday if he is healthy, even though he lacks the experience that Bledsoe possesses. Brady has proven to be the better quarterback, although many critics agree that it will not make a difference in the outcome of the game. Each is skilled at his position, but the strengths of New England are not in the passing game.

As for a prediction, I am having trouble choosing a team. The Rams are the obvious choice, for their speed, talent and domination in most of the statistical categories. They have two potential MVPs in Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner. However, they have a tendency to keep the game close, which can prove to be a downfall in the Super Bowl. Everything seems to be going the Patriots' way, too. They aren't supposed to be playing this weekend, which shows their sheer determination and ability to win in clutch situations. For a smart pick, I would go with the Rams. For the adventurous pick, I would go with the Patriots, and feel confident. Either way, Super Bowl Sunday will once again prove to be an exciting, thrilling occasion.

Applicants are sought for the positions of **student editors** of the college student periodicals (Holcad, Argo, and Scrawl).

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Bryan Rennie, Chair and Secretary of the Student Publications Board,
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3. A Letter of Application that describes the applicant's goals for the publication, as well as the methods and personal skills that will be used to reach those goals.
4. Up to three Letters of Reference.
5. Any other materials that support the student's application.

Applications may be sent by mail (Patterson Hall 126) or as e-mail attachments (brennie@westminster.edu). Inquiries can be made by e-mail.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why is there a fee for everything? As if our tuition isn't enough."

"I love the black-out curtains in my room. I never know if I should get up when my alarm goes off or go back to sleep. It's so dark!"

"I don't understand why residence life staff is intent on firing the good RAs and keeping the bad ones."

"Did you know that the students, faculty and staff of Westminster are known as being 'nice' by non-Westminster going people? That is such a great way to be known."

"The new TUB building is looking wonderful."

"I like how it's so warm the grass is starting to grow."

"The General Tso's in the cafeteria is good."

"Let's get some more of those ice cream candy bars in the TUB."

"Can I get the recipe for Westminster's chocolate chip cookies? They are seriously the best I've ever had."

"How about that global warming?"

"Why does everything I eat here give me gas?"

"The registrar is doing a great job with transcripts."

"The art exhibit is gorgeous."

"Who took the rant and rave box?"

"Why do people have their slate elections signs up a month before the election?"

"Yeah for Mardi Gras. Everyone should go. It's going to be awesome."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Reality game shows

Along with the onslaught of reality television has come a mind-numbing succession of game shows. The newest arrivals in this breed of programming combine sheer stupidity and willingness to endure pain in order to win money. The two shows that come readily to mind are "Fear Factor" and "The Chamber."

The former of these offers cash rewards to contestants able to successfully complete stunts faster or better than their misguided opponents. The problem with these stunts is that they are dangerous, unsanitary and undeniably stupid. Skill often has little to do with victory as contestants consume buffalo testicles, dive into freezing waters to retrieve diving wands, and maneuver around on slippery cars suspended in the air.

Attention is diverted from the obscenely foolish acts by the fact that for each show, seven people are enthusiastically competing for the sum of $50,000. While this is a large amount of money, a thinking person would hardly consider it worth risking disability or disfigurement for.

Now, there is the "The Chamber," which combines good old-fashioned quiz show values with a big oven-like contraption. Contestants sweat and wince as they are exposed to sweltering heat and voltage while they produce answers to questions concerning pop culture and history.

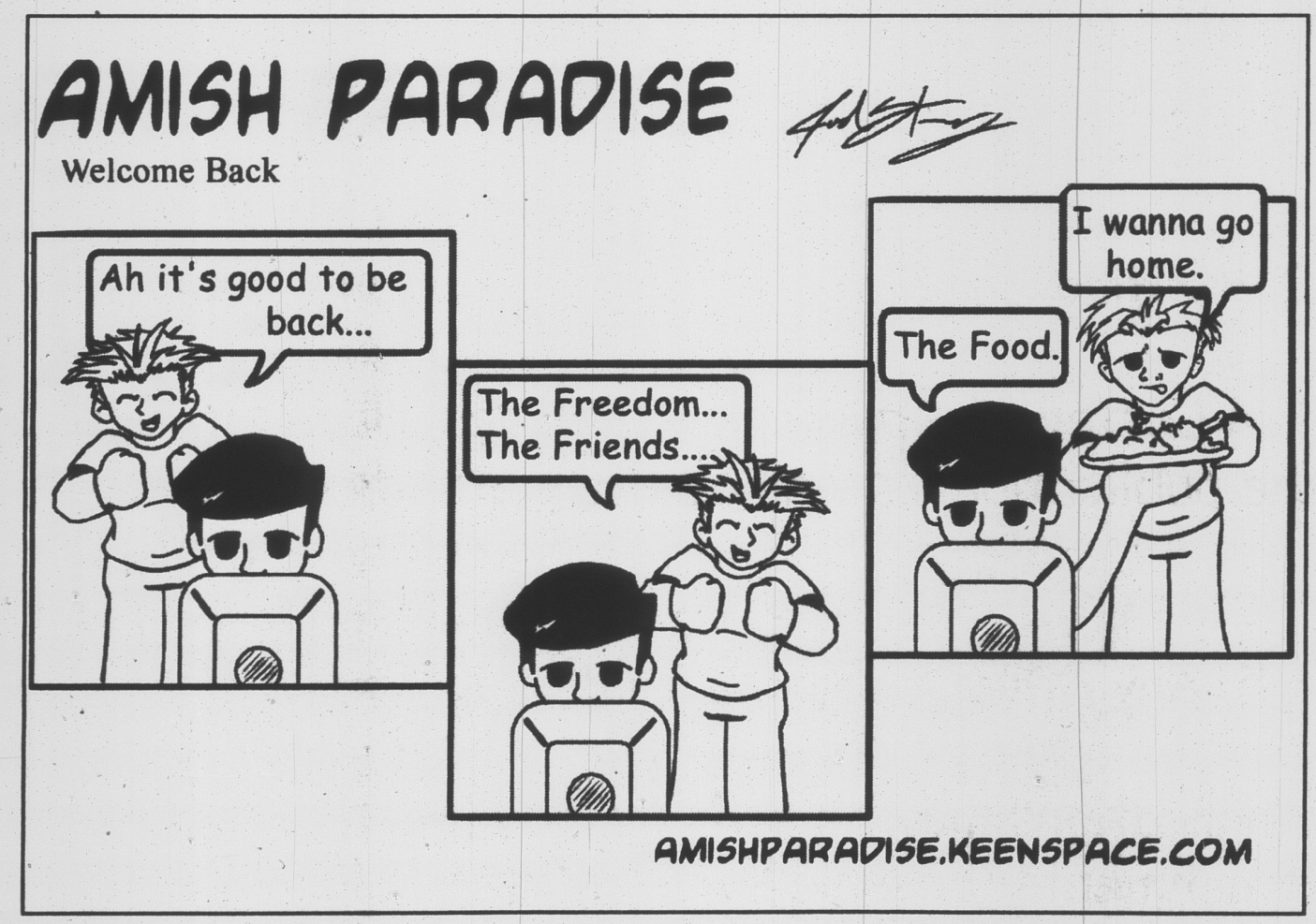
Not since the Salem Witch Trials have people been so interested in watching others writhe in pain.

What does it say about our nation that we are turning to games of torture for entertainment? Not since the Salem Witch Trials have people been so interested in watching others writhe in pain.

Why stop at torture? Make it a complete reality game show. Let's chop off the limbs of those who get questions wrong. Let's behead those who lose the game.

The message game shows of the past have sent is that those who gather useless knowledge will be rewarded. In these programs was a glint of hope for the dimming American intellect. Even in shows like "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" with its dismally simple questions, the viewing public had a chance of learning something. In this new rash of programs, educational value, if at all present, is tempered by a hearty disregard for common sense. Personal safety and well-being is forgone in the quest for easily-earned money.

The primary goal of television is to entertain. It does not have to be educational. It does not, however, have to encourage foolish behavior for monetary gain. The short disclaimer before the beginning of the show and each commercial break does not override the message that disregard to common sense pays off in the end.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I was walking back from class to Eichenaur today, I once again wondered why the sidewalk arrangement on campus makes so little sense. Many of the heaviest traffic areas such as the "muddy track" beside the softball field, between the dining hall and Hoyt, and from Patterson to Old Main (the muddy track behind Shaw) have no sidewalks. Yet there is a veritable maze of sidewalks in the quad area, many of which seem to cover the largest possible distance between buildings. Adding just a few sidewalks in the appropriate places would prevent students from needing to walk down the campus roads or through the muddy trails.

Sincerely,

Matt Lauffer

Dear Editor,

I wanted to take a moment to thank the campus community for their response to my pre-holiday email asking to help the Chinese Ningdu Welfare Institute (where my daughter spent the first nine months of her life) purchase warm clothes for the 47 children still living there. This fundraising project was dear to my heart, and the generosity of my colleagues and particularly our students was overwhelming. I want to thank you publicly, as well as personally. Your gifts to Ningdu were the best Christmas gifts I've ever received. I was touched as colleagues who I haven't seen since leaving the Admissions office came to visit me with their checkbooks in tow. Students mailed checks to my home over break and one student wrote a generous check in the name of another friend as a Christmas gift. A fraternity even approached me about helping with a fundraising project. I have always felt that Westminster had something special but this holiday, I was truly humbled by the outpouring of support from students and colleagues. You made a difference half way across the world in a child's life. Goodness knows there are many causes, needs, charities, etc. to support in this world. And each of us is called to do something to make this world closer to the world God intended it to be. Sometimes it is difficult to discern when God is calling us and for what cause or in what way we are to respond but I believe God is looking out for these precious children through those of you who sent your generous gifts. God bless you and happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Connie McGinnis
Asst. Director of Celebrity Series

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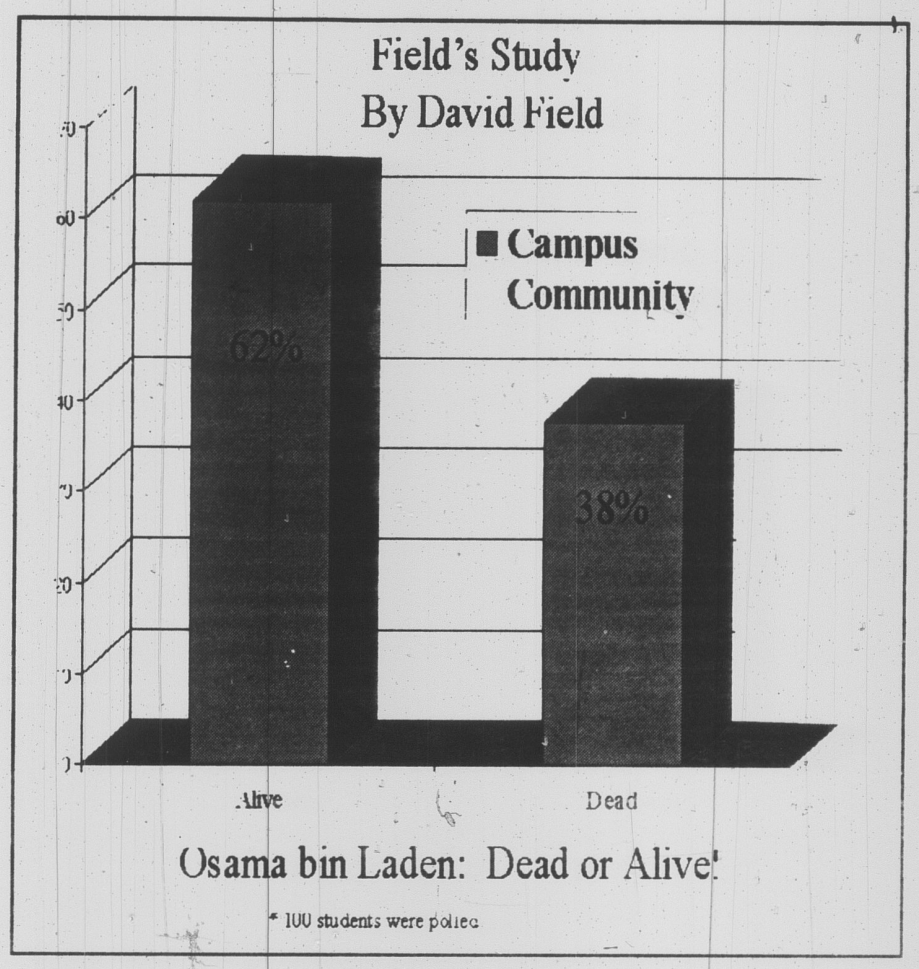

Osama bin Laden: Dead or Alive!

* 100 students were polled

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Holiday Movie Wrap-up

...what a season!

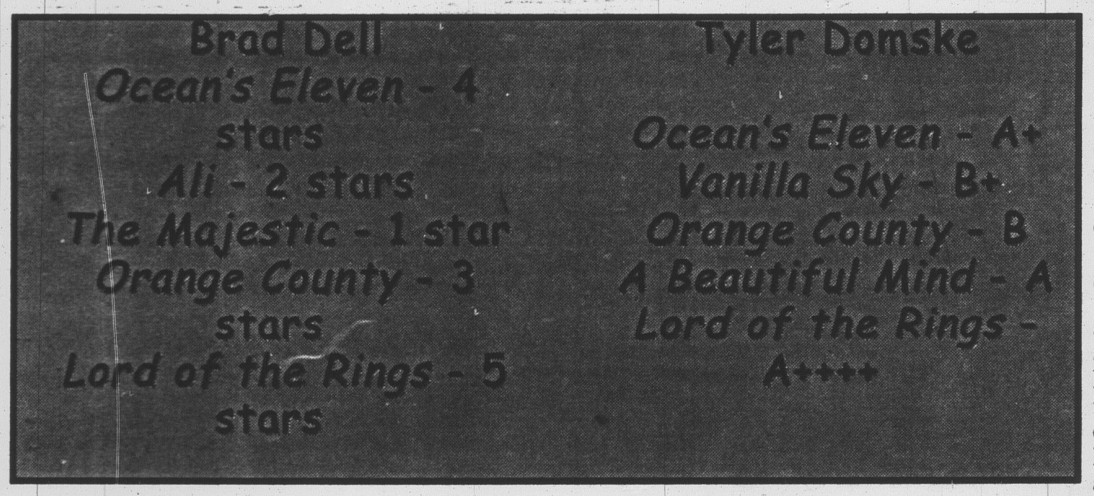
Brad Dell

And it's time ... time for the big Holiday movie wrap up. I love this season; the best movies of the year are fighting for box office supremacy. Aaahh! I can smell the Oscar gold coming this way. Unfortunately, I was unable to see all the great films out there right now, but I saw five ... and here's some brief thoughts about those.

Steven Soderberg's ***Ocean's Eleven*** receives my first perfect four star rating. This movie is so cool that it's hotter than ice. The plot is thick, subtle and exciting. But it is the stain-glass look and crisp performances that make this movie so totally dynamite. Soderbergh crowds the screen with so many deep lush, glowing colors that it's almost like a cartoon.

A sultan of suave, George Clooney leads an all-star cast of high-class crooks on the greatest casino heist known to man. As his sidekick, Brad Pitt complements Clooney to perfection. Their odd, subtle chemistry allows them have a full conversation without even speaking. These are two great (and I dare say gorgeous) actors proving how much fun acting can be. Rounding out this hyper-cool collection of fat 20th century cats are solid performances by Matt Damon, Elliot Gould, Carl Reiner and Bernie Mac. Andy Garcia is at his oily mob-man best as the wicked casino owner. A pre-Christmas sweet-treat, *Ocean's Eleven* is the sweetest candy this side of Hershey, Pa. If you haven't already, go see it now. This super-cool flick will be around for a while. And maybe if we're lucky, *Ocean's Twelve* will be out next Christmas. Why not?

This holiday season, I looked to another film - ***Ali***. I figured, how could you go wrong with telling the story of "the Greatest"? My brother and I even skipped out on Christmas Day dessert to see this flick on its opening day ... and Mann, oh Mann, was I disappointed. That is not a misprint. I mean Michael Mann of the cryptic, docu-drama *The Insider*, who was at the helm of this ill-fated mega-flick. Mann and sceenwriter, Stephen J. Rivele, combined forces to create a movie nearly devoid of focus and cohesive plot. Like so many biographic films (think *Man on the Moon*), the creators can never decide what the film is about. Is this about Ali's Islamic religious beliefs? Is it about his personal escapades with woman after woman? Is it about his refusal to go to Vietnam? Or is Ali's life just a backdrop on which to illustrate the Black Civil Rights movement? One of the first things you learn as an artist is that you must make decisions. But it seems like Mann and his crew made no decisions ... they kept a little of every subplot in this film, and in doing so drained the film of lasting impact. Yes, the fight scenes were stunning, but if we wanted to see Muhammad Ali box, we could look at old recordings of the real Ali. With all those below the belt commons aside, I will say that Will Smith is brilliant. He recreates Ali with precision, intensity and courage. Ten minutes into the film, I forgot all about the Fresh Prince. Unfortunately, this film is just too big to be carried by its leading actor, and it disappointingly falls short of all our expectations. I give it 2 stars.



Poor Jim Carrey. I know, I believe, I trust that this man is a GREAT actor. If you look at some of his more worthy films like *The Truman Show* and *Man on the Moon*, you can see that behind that rubber face is a soul of great truth. I'm certain that I'm not the only one out there who believes this. So, for the love of Jim, Hollywood, please find this man a good film. Yes, I mistakenly saw ***The Majestic*** over break ... and let me tell you, even *Ali* was not this disappointing. What is it with great directors making dreadful films this season? Frank Darabout directed two of the best films of the last decade - *The Shawshank Redemption* and *The Green Mile*. But take this man out of a prison, and it's as though he loses his identity as much as Carrey's character does in *The Majestic*. This film is long, dull and overly schmaltzy. Now, I love a good bit of schmaltz every once in a while. I mean, who doesn't love *It's a Wonderful Life*, but *The Majestic* pushed me over the edge. If you're going to pull my heart strings, you better have one hell of an interesting tune. *The Majestic* should have been called *The Mundane*. I give it one star.

Unlike with *The Majestic* and *Ali*, I expected very little when I walked into the theatre to see ***Orange County***. And because I had set my sights so low, I was delighted by the story that followed. *Orange County* really is not another teen movie. Packed with witty lines, over-the-top acting, and a stellar collection of b-movie actors, this flick packs a great matinee punch. As the main character, Sean, Colin Hanks (son of Tom), shows that the orange doesn't fall far from the tree. I couldn't believe how much this kid looks, speaks and gestures like his dad. It's kind of freaky at times, but the performance is honest and worthy of critical acclaim. Sean's drug-fiend, low-life brother Lance is played by Jack Black, everyone's new favorite Chris Farley. Black is equally wacky and weird in this role, but he continues to turn out three-dimensional empathy-hungry characters. Finally, Catherine O'Hara and John Lithgow brilliantly satirize upper middle class values as Sean's on-the-mend parents. For some good winter blues curing fun, visit *Orange County*. I give it 3 stars.

And now I finish with the biggest, best, most spectacular film of the year. ***Lord of the Rings*** totally wowed me! I have never read a Tolkien Book, so I had no idea what to expect. But this movie totally overshot my expectations. It is truly remarkable. Director Peter Jackson has created the greatest epic, adventure, science-fiction series ever made. Sorry Mr. Lucas, bye-bye Mr. Potter, *Lord of the Rings* is THE saga of the 21st century. Ian McKellan is magnificently grandiose and terrifically omnipresent as the powerful, but gentle wizard Gandolf. Elijah Wood abandons his child star status, as he will be forever known as the hobbit, Froddo Baggins. Wood brings great truth and warmth to this charmingly courageous creature. The film is packed full of other high-powered performances, and some truly beautiful sights. From the sweeping New Zealand landscape, to the stunningly beautiful Orlando Bloom as the elf Legolas, this film left me riddled with complete sensory overload. Amazing, spectacular, dynamo! I can't wait for next December. I give the film 5 stars, for as many parts to this journey that I wish there could be.

Tyler Domske

Ho, Ho Ho, Let us begin this holiday movie review with ***Ocean's Eleven***. I believe I gave it a preemptive A+ in my last review (without having even seen it mind you). Go back to fake Jamaican accent school, Miss Cleo. I'm the new fortune teller in town. The actors all obviously ate a big bowl of liquid cool before each take and then let their repast resonate off the screen with all the style and class of the original Rat Pack times infinity. This crew gives the audience the impression that they are only robbing the casino because they have nothing better to do, and more importantly, because they can. The fun comes not from finding out whether or not they can do it, (you know they can) but rather how they do it. The only real question is if they had more fun making the movie than we do watching it.

Worth: Full Price, two times at least

Grade: A+

Next I witnessed Tom Cruise's latest attempt at self-glorification, ***Vanilla Sky***. This is a crazy, crazy movie with a truly creepy performance by Cameron Diaz (her best since *Being John Malkovich*), a truly gorgeous Penelope Cruz, and some rather controlled chaos by *Almost Famous's* Cameron Crowe. Cruise does an adequate job playing the exact same character he has played in every movie he has been in for the last five years. He has become so self-absorbed in his "brilliance" as an actor that his onscreen persona has become a caricature of his off screen persona (a point made eerily and literally clear in one scene in particular). The movie as a whole is quite good, going about as far out there as a major studio will allow (yet not coming close to some of the surreal tales independent films dish out). The story is quite original and thought-provoking, and even though it feels forced in some points and strained in others, it comes out on top in the end. Caution: Not for all tastes, this is a "love it or hate it" type flick with no in betweens. Give it a shot though.

Worth: Full Price if you have extra cash, otherwise matinee

Grade: Despite Cruise's numb-skullery, B+

Next up, ***Orange County***. This is another movie put out by MTV Pictures, and it shows. It revolves around Colin Hanks (real life son of Tom Hanks) trying to get out of *Orange County* and his crazy family and into Stanford. When his application is bungled by his guidance counselor, Little Hanks and his girlfriend saddle up with his tighty-whitey-wearing burn-out of a brother, played with gusto by the great Jack Black, half of the infamous Tenacious D, self proclaimed "greatest band on Earth." In the end, the movie is rather touching, not nearly as zany as advertised, but pleasing nonetheless. Look for performances by Ben Stiller, Catherine O'Hara, John Lithgow, Chevy Chase, Lily Tomlin, Harold Ramis and Kevin Kline.

Worth: Better go matinee on this one.

Grade: B

A Beautiful Mind is a movie that is at the same time exactly what you would expect from the previews, and yet nothing at all what you expect. It is a story told brilliantly by director Ron Howard (*Apollo 11*) and powerfully acted by Russell Crowe (removing all sore feelings concerning his Best Actor win last year – *Gladiator*? Come on!) and Jennifer Connelly. The film becomes even more powerful when one realizes it is all true, based on the life of Professor John Nash. Watch for this one to shine big on Oscar night ... but try to ignore the very comical "old people" makeup the actors don in the final scenes.

Worth: Full Price.

Grade: A

Then we have ***Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring***. This movie is truly awesome in every sense of the word. This picture is hands down the most deserving of a Best Picture Oscar of all the films I have seen. Director Peter Jackson is able to brilliantly translate Tolkien's visionary masterpiece onto the big screen in a totally original way, with freshness and innovative genius not seen in an epic tale of this magnitude since the release of the original *Star Wars*. The performances are all magnificent, most notably Ian McKellen as Gandalf the Wizard. The cherry on top of this crème de la crème of holiday fare is the coolest hero since Inigo Montoya in the *Princess Bride*—Legolas, the arrow dispensing elf played by Orlando Bloom.

Worth: $100 (fortunately, they are selling tickets for only $7. PUT DOWN THE PAPER. GO SEE IT NOW.)

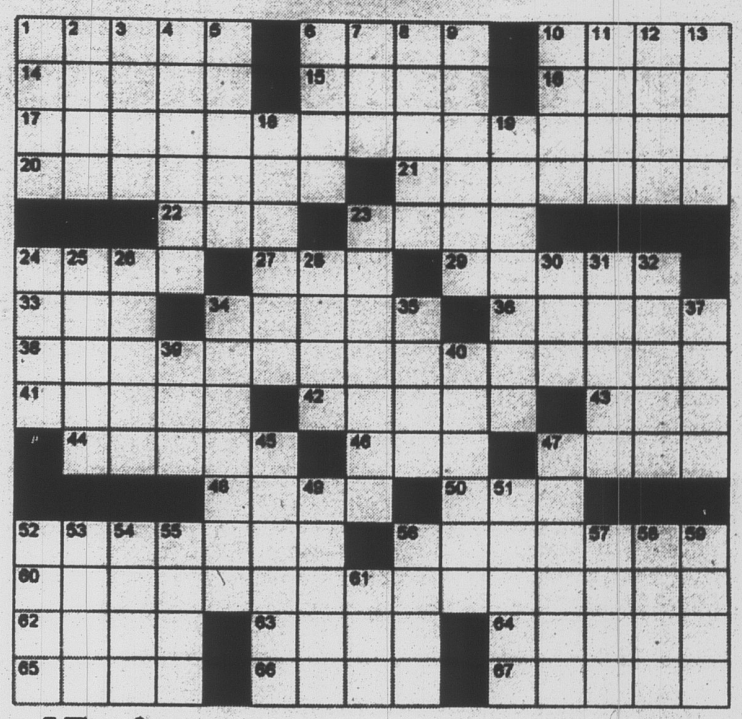
Grade: A++++ (it loses a plus for the year that I have to wait until *The Two Towers* is released)

Sadly, that is all I have room for, though I will say go see *Black Hawk Down*, it's well worth it, and don't EVER see *13 Ghosts*. EVER. I'm serious. You'll thank me. See you next time.

Crossword 101

Double Time

By Ed Canty



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9 Cutting
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11 Astronaut Sally
12 Scent
13 Congregational resting places
18 Landlord at times
19 Whole number
23 Hearing aid
24 Jaguars
25 Deprive of humor?
26 Former Japanese capital
28 Sultan of Swat
30 Has life
31 Observe again
32 Chairs
34 Horse's limb
35 Salesman's car
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49 Literary composition
51 Goddess of agriculture
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55 Notable achievement
56 Holiday preceders
57 International org.
58 On the ocean
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61 Single

Quotable Quote

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

• • • *Abraham Lincoln*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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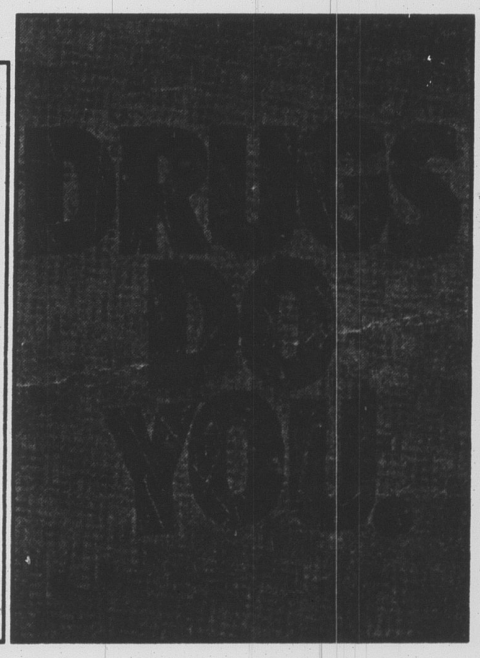

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20)
You are in a very practical frame of mind and unusually sharp in all your money matters. In your can-do-anything mood, no matter how busy, you will be more than able to take care of everything.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Family is highlighted for now. The financial goals you've had in mind are going to be realized in the very near future. Strive for fairness in all your decision-making.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Any problems in family or home life will finally be resolved. Keep your cool in the workplace, co-workers may be overly sensitive. There are changes, from a distance, which will stir things up at work for the next few weeks.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
You'll start the week in a dream world of your own. It may be best to take time alone and treat yourself better. A short trip may be the ticket to fun and adventure.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)
Listen to a friend's advice regarding financial planning. Others may accuse you of living with unrealistic expectations - don't let it bother you, your best ideas come to you this way.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
This week will bring passion and intimacy with your love. There may be a bonus for your recent efforts. Take time for laughter, and make plans to further your education.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
The more you depend on your inner reserves, the stronger you are. Your actions inspire family members to strive for their best. There are some self doubts you have been wrestling with which only you can work through.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Spend time with close friends and have some fun. Both your friendships and love relationships are very fulfilling. There is a lucrative job possibility in the future.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It's a pretty effortless and pleasurable week. You have the power to make changes for the better. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
This week will start on a very upbeat note. Wherever you are, you are surrounded by luck and friendship. Unexpected money is most likely to come your way.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
There are many things that need your attention right now. Try to prioritize, and do the most important things first. Check out any opportunities to increase your income.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Spend some time with your mate and family. You are both assertive and charming. Innovative and unconventional approaches may work well.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You tend to be overly optimistic or overly negative. Start seeing your partners and cohorts as they really are, not only as you want to see them. Both friends and close associates are going to be particularly important to you for the next several months. Choose your companions carefully, for they will either help or hinder your dreams.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood
This month featuring Allison "Ally Kat" Evans and T.J. "he won't reveal his real name" Gontzaruk

Full Name: Allison Elizabeth Evans
Year at WC: Junior
Major/Department: Art

What is your favorite word(s)? I have so many. I like schpeal, I picked that one up in England. Schpeal

What is your favorite book? *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtney

What is your favorite song or album? Right now, it's either Ben Harper's *Live From Mars* or Annie Defranco's *Reckoning and Reveling.*

Do you have a pet? I do. I have a miniature Doberman pinscher named Tigger 'cause she bounces all over the place.

If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? I wish I had a camera in my eye. I go around saying "click" all the time.

What is your biggest fear? Maybe my lungs regurgitating from my body because they hate me so much, and spiders and snakes ... I don't like them very much either.

What was your best Halloween costume? Probably when I was in second grade and I was a punk rocker. I just wore a long T-shirt and no pants. Or a Hell's Angel.

What is your most valued possession? My photo album with a span of eight years of pictures of me and my friends. Or my journals.

If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? I think I'd be the chick from Princess Bride 'cause she got the guy and lived through the fire-swamp terrors.

What has changed your life? Living 2 1/2 years in a foreign country, having to learn new customs, a new definition of myself and how to cope with everything that is important to me 3,000 miles away, except my best friend.

Full Name: T.J. Gontczaruk
Year at WC: first
Major/Department: Residence Director of Russell Hall

What is your favorite word(s)? "Rock On" is my favorite phrase. Towards the more literal definition without being completely literal.

What is your favorite book? Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card. I bought 11 copies for all my friends after graduation.

What is your favorite song or album? My favorite album is The Beatles' *White Album*. My favorite song is the title track from Aerosmith's *Just Push Play.*

Do you have a pet? Not anymore. I used to have fish but they are all dead.

If you could be one inanimate object what would you be and why? The microphone stand for Steven Tyler. Because it is the microphone stand for Steven Tyler.

What is your biggest fear? Going deaf.

What was your best Halloween costume? No comment.

What is your most valued possession? Monetarily, my computer. But otherwise, my album.

If you could be any character from any movie, who would you be and why? It's a tie between Inigo from *The Princess Bride* and Idgie from *Fried Green Tomatoes*, 'cause I once saw a lake get up and fly away.

What has changed your life? Lots of things have significantly changed my life. Being an R.A - that's the reason I do what I do. *Ender's Game* helped change the way I see the world and everything that is presented to me. And Aerosmith is one of the reasons I want to be a musician.

Lani vs. WC College Bowl

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

I know it has been quite some time since last semester ... nearly six weeks. However, I would be letting my teammates down if I didn't write something about College Bowl held last semester. So with the Super Bowl approaching, I remind the college of our own "Bowl."

Because I tend to use college-affiliated events as sources for my weekly articles, I could not pass up this opportunity and signed up as a contestant in the college bowl with fellow Holcad writer Jon McKay and seniors E.J. Campbell and Amy Balderach as my teammates. Amy was a last minute replacement for the injured Beth Staley who was unable to fulfill her duties as part of our team.

College Bowl, sometimes referred to as Quiz Bowl is an annual event sponsored by the Student Government Association. Students sign up in teams of three to five people to compete in a round-robin tournament and are asked questions on a variety of topics.

Members of SGA serve as judges, question announcers and scorekeepers. Teams go head-to-head in a timed question-answer session using fancy buzzers, similar to those used on Jeopardy, to declare they have the answer. The quicker competitors are, the more points they earn for the team.

My team, of course, liked to pretend these buzzers were joysticks equipped with powerful triggers in pretend helicopters. This is a refined technique used to psyche out the other team.

The team that had the most points at the end of the round would go on to play other teams in this single elimination tournament.

Our team was plagued from the start. E.J. did not show up until 10 minutes before our first round. Jon joined us in the Down Under looking as if he just had a run-in with Rocky. He was sick, "sicker than I had ever been before," Jon said. But we pulled it together and prepared to compete.

We all formed our own strategies during the tournament. Jon and Amy buzzed in with lightning speed to correctly answer questions. Jon would then sleep in between rounds and when he did not know the correct answers. I waited to see if anyone else knew the answer before I buzzed in. E.J.'s strategy was to intimidate the opposition as much as possible with her icy stare.

"The pinnacle moment for our team was when we pulled ourselves out of the gutter from a negative five points to win the round with 50-some points," Amy said.

Unfortunately, however, we choked in the final round. Amy showed her dismay by pretending to hang herself with the buzzer. We did, however, win second place and earned ourselves some spending cash for Christmas.

Cafeteria joins in celebration of diversity month by serving ethnic foods

Sodexho-Marriott will celebrate February as diversity month with food from around the world.

February lunch menus include food from Japan, Brazil, South America and Africa. Lunch on Feb. 12 includes a "Tour of North America: Seattle," and dinner will celebrate the Chinese New Year.

"We want to go as authentic as possible in our food preparation," said Jeff Creveling, food service director. "We won't be serving the stereotypical menu, but students will also have the opportunity to choose the classics."

Lunch Feb. 1 features the food of Japan. The menu includes Sake Steamed Sole, Spinach with Sesame Dressing, and Sumo Wrestlers' Stew, a dish typically served to senior wrestlers after their six-hour morning workout.

"Two or three times a semester we like to offer a special promotional series with entertainment and door prizes," Creveling said. "February 20, we will offer a 'Blues Bash' which features food from New Orleans."

Continuing with the diversity theme, The Office of Diversity Coordinator will provide displays and decorations for all events and the Gospel Choir will perform during lunch of Soul America Feb. 15.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION JUNIORS: Eleven $3,620 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding current juniors who have provided selfless service to Westminster College. If you have been a student leader, involved in student government, volunteered to be a campus tutor, SWAT team member, basketball timekeeper or other service-oriented work, then stop by the Office of Student Affairs for an application. Scholarship will be applied to the 2002-2003 tuition.

ATTENTION SKIERS: The first ski trip is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 2 with the bus leaving at 6:45 a.m. For more information, e-mail Dr. Timothy Wooster at twooster@westminster.edu.

AEROBICS CLASS begins Feb. 5 at 5:50 p.m. in Old 77 and continues each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until March 8. Sign up is Thursday, Jan. 31 and Monday, Feb. 4 from 1-4 p.m. in Old 77. The fee for this class is $10. Call EXT. 7318 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL continues Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Down Under, with The Visas that Saved Lives. The film, which is based on a true story, depicts the efforts of a Japanese consul-general in Lithuania who worked around the clock signing visas that would permit as many Jews as possible to leave the country prior to the German invasion in 1940. The event, which is sponsored by the English and Modern Languages Departments, features free admission, popcorn and soft drinks beginning at 7:45 p.m.

THE VESPERS SERVICE will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, February 3 instead of the usual 7 p.m.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 1
LAST DAY TO ADD ($15 Fee)
RA Applications Due in Student Affairs Office by 4:30 p.m.
11:40 a.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras - Orr Lobby
8:30 p.m. "Red Wanting Blue" band in concert - Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 2
GROUNDHOG DAY
1:00 p.m. Swimming @ Washington & Jefferson/ Hiram
2:00 p.m. M Basketball @ Bethany (WV)
4:00 Women's Basketball @ Bethany (WV)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:30 p.m. Newman Club Movie Night - Down Under

SUNDAY 3
12:30 p.m. Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation - Chapel
3:00 p.m. Artist in Residence Recital: Susan Shafer - Orr Auditorium
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital - Chapel
5:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
9:00 p.m. Movie: The Fast and the Furious - Down Under

MONDAY 4
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Deadline for Intramural Sign-ups for 3-Point Shootout and Free Throw Contest - Field House Lobby or Old 77 Office
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sign-up Day for Aerobics Sessions at Old 77
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta -Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
6:30 p.m. Spring Phone-a-thon Begins
7:30 p.m. Guest Vocal Recital - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 5
FILE FAFSA 2002
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Swimming vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: The Visas that Saved Lives (Japanese with English subtitles) - Down Under
Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (Lunch and Dinner Hour)

WEDNESDAY 6
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Keen Compher, " Fun Finding Fossils" - PH 311
6:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Meeting
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Waynesburg (H)
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 7
Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (Lunch and Dinner Hour)
4:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Freshman Tea - Down Under
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Judy Shepard (sponsored by Allies) - Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

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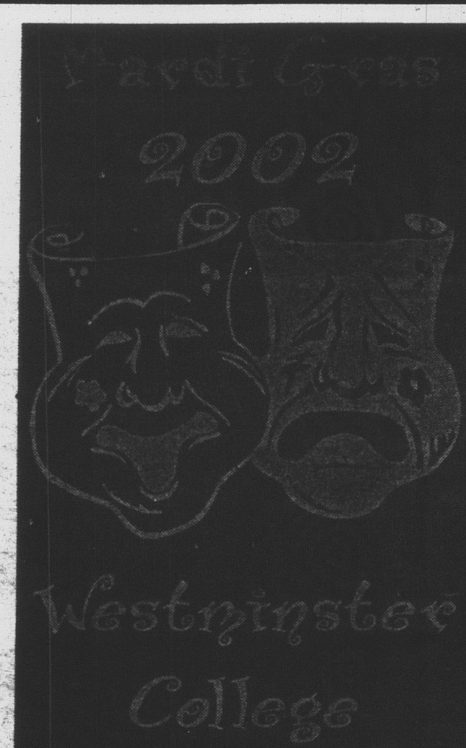

February 1, 2002

6:00pm to 8:00pm in Orr Lobby

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8:00pm Fireworks

8:30pm in Orr Auditorium

Red Wanting Blue, in concert with special guest Non-WC Community admission payable at the door WC Community FREE with College ID (must have ID with you)

Sponsored by the Student Alumni Association and the Campus Programming Committee with major funding from the Student Government Association.

Bands:
8:30 p.m. Arizona Bay
9:30 p.m. Some Are Heroes
10:30 p.m. Red Wanting Blue

Admission to the event is $10 without a student ID

Upcoming Events Spring '02

Feb. 1: *Mardi Gras*
Feb 8: JT's Cafe
Feb 16: Comic
Feb22: **APO Retro Dance**
Mar. 1: JT's Cafe
Mar. 2: Comic
Mar. 22: 1 Acts
Mar. 23: 1 Acts
Apr. 5: JT's Cafe
Apr. 6: Comic
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SAA hosts a successful Mardi Gras

Contributed Photo

Anne Smith and Mike DaVia were Mardi Gras king and queen.

By Sarah Martin
STAFF WRITER

The annual Mardi Gras celebration was held Friday, Feb. 1 in Orr. Carnival booths, a concert and fireworks were all part of the event.

Mardi Gras has been a long-standing tradition in New Orleans since 1699, but this festival is relatively new to campus.

The campus carnival began four years ago when the Student Alumni Association was a new organization and needed name recognition.

It is a community/campus event that involves as much of the student body as possible. "All campus organizations have the chance to participate," said Mary James, director of Alumni Relations. Mardi Gras is promoted on campus as well as in local elementary schools. According to James, there is usually a good turnout from community and faculty families.

While there were not any parades or masquerade balls, there were plenty of other activities like limbo contests, face painting and Plinko.

Many of the booths were geared toward young children. "The little kids were so cute when they were trying to make bead necklaces," said sophomore Matt McCall, who was working at the Argo booth.

Keeping with tradition, there were the official colors of purple, green and gold, plenty of beads, and a king and queen.

Fireworks and a concert followed the activities. "Some are Heroes" and "Arizona Bay" opened for "Red Wanting Blue."

"The concert was awesome, 'Some are Heroes,' played a great show despite some minor technical difficulties," sophomore Chris Borsani said.

The events could not have taken place without hard work from all participating organizations, especially SAA. The group put up signs throughout New Wilmington as well as on campus. Through fundraisers and dona-

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Serve-a-thon benefits Peace Brigade

By Jen Mossor
STAFF WRITER

Senior Sarah Stankorb has a passion for helping the needy. Fortunately for Peace Brigade International, she has friends with ideas and helping hands.

When Stankorb decided to make a difference, she contacted sophomore Danielle Zielinski, and together they thought of introducing business sponsors to student volunteers.

Stankorb began recruiting help from her Inquiry class and her residence hall with the result of a team of seven students dedicated to the execution of the Serve-a-thon.

The purpose of the Serve-a-thon is to utilize the college's required volunteer work to donate money to Peace Brigade International. This organization is a non-governmental group dedicated to nonviolent solutions to civil unrest and the promotion of human rights. Volunteers escort human rights defenders into politically repressed countries to attain peace without the use of violence.

"We all thought it was a really good cause. We wanted to promote something peaceful," said freshman volunteer Jennifer Rowe.

To support this cause, Stankorb and her team are looking for student volunteers who are willing to do their community service for the Peace Brigade. The team will also be compiling lists of businesses willing to sponsor student volunteers for organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Head Start.

Business sponsors are paired with student volunteers who then agree how much the sponsor will donate when the student completes his or her volunteer work. All the money collected from the sponsors will be donated to Peace Brigade International.

Dr. David Twining said he has a great deal of faith in these

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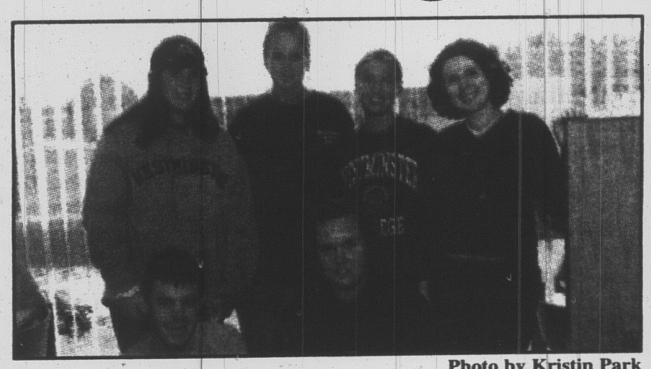

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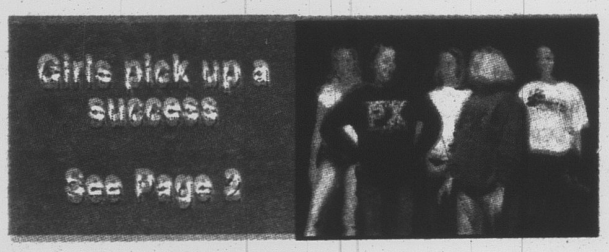
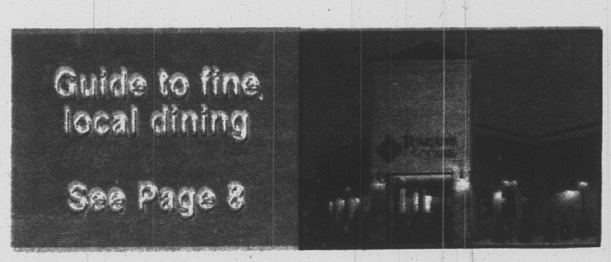
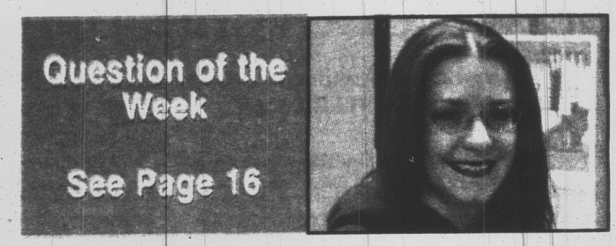
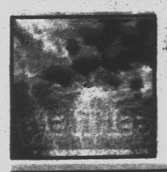
Serve-a-thon members. Front: Jim Barrie, DanielleZielinski Back: Jen Rowe, Natalie Krivonik, Maegan Martuccio, Sarah Stankorb









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CAMPUS NEWS

Pick up ceremony in Orr signals end of Formal Rush

By Alicia Richie
STAFF WRITER

Formal Recruitment began on Jan. 22 with Pick-Up Day in Orr.

Freshman Margie Muir was one of the nine women picked up by Kappa Delta sorority. "I really had no idea what to expect during rush, or even if I would join a sorority in the end," she said. "Everyone told me that I would meet so many new people and get a lot of good food. The parties were incredible."

She said the entire process was an eye-opening experience and one that she'll treasure, mainly because of the people she met along the way. "It was wonderful to see the time and talent the women of Westminster put into something."

Alpha Gamma Delta sorority picked up 13 members. The sisters welcomed them with food and activities. Their activities included attending the men's basketball game against Grove City on Saturday evening.

Sophomore Brittany Jardine of Alpha Gamma Delta said she enjoyed being a part of recruitment week. "I think recruitment was a great experience for both the freshmen and the upperclassmen," Jardine said. "It was my first experience with recruitment and I learned a lot about my sisters and myself."

Phi Mu Sorority welcomed 13 members with pick-up day activities.

"Rush week was one of the most exciting things I have gotten to experience since coming to Westminster and will always be one of my fondest memories," said sophomore and new member Jennifer Latronica. "It was great to meet so many of the girls in all the different sororities, and to get to know some of the girls I rushed with."

Latronica said she enjoyed going to all the parties as well, but found it hard to get sleep and do work. She also mentioned how nerve-racking the week was. "You start to wonder if you'll get your first choice or not," Latronica said. "Final night was the most amazing part of rush week; it's so emotional."

Sigma Kappa also welcomed 13 members. The sisters spent the afternoon playing games. Christy Atkins, a sophomore who joined last spring said she enjoyed the week. "Recruitment Week was wonderful; all the sisters had a chance to spend time together realizing why they chose Sigma Kappa in the first place."

"Words cannot describe how excited we are to have them [the new sisters] with us," Atkins said. "We are looking forward to getting to know them and teaching them all about Sigma Kappa."

Cortney DiVito, a sophomore who was one of 13 girls picked up by Zeta Tau Alpha, shared her favorite rush moment. "I decided it was safe to call my parents and tell them I decided to rush and join a sorority, because they had no clue I was going to. They weren't home and I left a message screaming into the phone."

DiVito said Saturday morning was the most exciting part. "When my name was called, announcing which sorority I pledged, the reaction from my friends was amazing; I couldn't tell who was grinning more, me or them."

Photo by Joe Gill

Three women wait to be announced on pick up day.

Goal for senior class gift is 70% participation

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

The Senior Class Gift Committee is adopting a more aggressive approach this year. If in the past, seniors escaped with their matriculation deposit intact, this year they will encounter some fierce competition.

Graduating students donate money to improve the campus or to establish an alumni scholarship each year. For this gift, seniors may donate any amount of money, even as little as one dollar. They may send cash or check or have the money taken from the $100 deposit they made when they were accepted to the college.

Senior Lindsay Braem became part of the senior class gift effort through her position on the Board of Trustees. Braem said she hopes that everyone takes this opportunity to give. "We're obviously hoping everyone will donate more than $1, but it's more important that we have everyone involved in some way."

Merrianne McGill, who has been working with the Senior Class Gift since 1999, said the goal for this year is 70 percent participation, three percent more than last year. McGill said that the committee sent donation forms to campus mail boxes immediately after Christmas break. Within six days, 28 people donated. The committee has collected over $460 already, largely due to individual efforts. "This year's group is a lot more outgoing ... They're wanting to give back; they're wanting to participate," McGill said.

To donate, students can simply fill out the form sent to them via campus mail or give directly to one of the committee members. When seniors choose how much to give, they may also vote where the money will go. They may choose the alumni scholarship, the campus center, computer labs, or they may write in something else. The designation with the most votes receives all the money.

For would-be participants unable to find someone to give their money to, committee members will soon be more visible in their official T-shirts that urge students to "Give 'til it feels good." Committee members will also take donations on Senior Salute Day, when students receive their caps and gowns.

Last year, seniors donated $961 to the campus center. This year, committee members expect to surpass the class of 2001. "We have no doubt we'll reach over $1,000. I think a lot of people in this class really care," Braem said.

To donate, contact Lindsey Braem at EXT. 6305.

Series of events planned for Diversity month

By Lauren Annibale
STAFF WRITER

February is black history month, a time to celebrate diversity and culture. The campus celebrates the month through various lectures and activities.

Diversity coordinator Jeanette Hooks encourages students to participate in the activities. "It is important that we are aware of our similarities as well as our differences for a greater appreciation of mankind," Hooks said.

Last year, the Kuntu Repertory Theatre of Pittsburgh, performed a one-act show with fictitious dialogue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

The celebration began this year when civil rights activist, the Rev. Alfonse Allen spoke at a special chapel service honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Another speaker, Judy Shepard, the mother Matthew Shepard, victim of an anti-homosexual hate crime, spoke on Feb. 7.

The dining hall has contributed to the festivities by hosting a series of cultural meals.

The first of these "culture club" meal days, held Jan. 1, featured Japanese food. A different country will be represented every Friday at lunch during the month.

The remaining meals will include samples of "soul food" and dishes from Brazil and Africa. A Chinese New Year Dinner will also be held on Feb. 12.

On Feb. 15, "Gospitality," a gospel music review, will be held in Orr. This event will focus on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. Many area churches and organizations have been invited to attend.

On Feb. 19, Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, the great spiritual leader of India's independence movement, will speak in Orr.

The events of the coming weeks are meant not only to educate, but to encourage true celebration of culture and diversity.

"My job as diversity coordinator is to continue to promote and increase awareness to the college community concerning black history and all diversity issues," Hooks said. "Those issues include showing others how to celebrate."

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students, especially Stankorb. He said he hopes she will serve as a good role model for other students.

"Sarah's passion and commitment to less privileged people and her ability to draw others on campus to this cause is the kind of spirit we hope to encourage with the college's community service requirement," Twining said.

Anyone can participate in the Serve-a-thon, and there are no deadlines for signing up. For more information on Serve-a-thon, contact Sarah Stankorb at EXT. 6937.

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tions, SAA was able to host this event.

Since this is SAA's biggest event of the year, a lot of time and effort is put into it. The members are divided into boards and do all of the manual labor from decorating to cleaning up.

"All of the events really got the kids excited. A lot of people attended from both the community and campus," said sophomore SAA member Erin Chittock. "We are proud to put on this event because it shows we care."

For more campus news, check out Westminster weekly:

http://www.westminster.edu/News/weekly/

Sprinklers to be installed in all residence halls

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Everyone on campus has been interrupted by a fire alarm. It may have been while you were working in your office, while you were in the middle of a heated game of Madden, or even while you were sleeping. But whether it is a false alarm or a fire drill, a series of events is set in motion to ensure the safety of all involved.

With a heightened sense of security all across the nation, it is natural to examine the safety procedures close to home. About two fire drills are conducted each semester in each resident hall, and inevitably, false alarms occur as well. Contrary to popular belief, the residence life staff of each hall, not campus security, runs the organized fire drills. Security will attend and assist drills if asked to do so by the staff. During the drill, the staff makes sure every resident of the hall is evacuated.

In the event of an alarm sounding without an organized drill, a more complex scheme unfolds. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, it's a false alarm," said John Lechner, dean of safety and security. "But we treat each alarm like it's the real thing."

Every building on campus is equipped with fire alarms, and each alarm is connected to the campus security radio system. When an alarm is tripped, a tone is sent through the radio with the name of the building that contains the alarm. "Our policy is that a fire alarm has priority over any other call on campus," Lechner said. "Fire is number one as far as we're concerned."

As security arrives, residence life should be evacuating the building. Security first checks the security panel to see which alarm has been activated, and proceeds to that area of the building. If security personnel see any indication of fire, they alert the fire department.

"The response time is good. No matter where security is on campus, it doesn't take more than a few minutes to get to any other building," Lechner said. "And even though most of the alarms are false, it doesn't take long to get the fire department here if that's necessary," he added.

Most of the false alarms, according to Lechner, are caused by steam from cooking, smoke from overdone microwave popcorn, steam from irons, and vandalism to the fire sensors.

Although Hillside is the only residence hall with sprinklers, plans are being made to install them in all other residence buildings in the coming summers. "All new renovations and constructions on campus will have them," Lechner said. "We put them in Thompson-Clark last year, the new campus center will have them, and they're in the cooking areas in Galbreath. But since most of the dorms are older, we have to retrofit them, and that is a lengthy and expensive process," he added.

Sprinklers quickly extinguished a fire in a room in Hillside a few years ago. "It could have been worse, but instead there was just water damage. The fire didn't spread to other rooms," Lecher said. "The important thing was that no one was hurt."

Big changes will soon be noticeable on the campus center

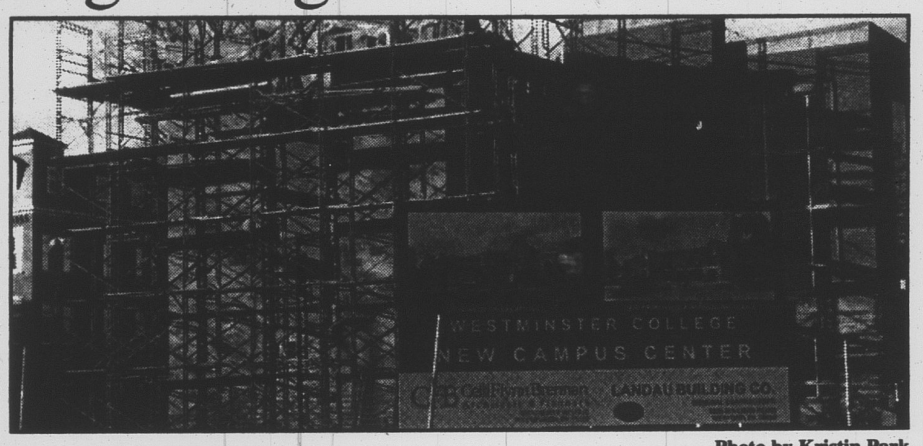

Photo by Kristin Park
Signs around campus show what the new campus center will look like.

By B. G. Davison
STAFF WRITER

Construction workers are making progress on the campus center due for completion in the spring of 2003. Owners' representative Larry Ratvasky said that everything is going smoothly for the Landau Building Company, and the targeted completion date is still set.

The workers have completed demolition of the old student union building and the block work on both south towers is progressing. Once the block work is completed, steel girders will arrive. Once the shipment comes in, large changes will be noticeable.

"I looked at all of the drawings and models and I'm amazed at how large this building is going to be," Ratvasky said. The new student union will contain a large recreation room, a movie theater, a café-style eatery and computer labs.

"You kids are going to have it made here on campus. This will be a fun and relaxing place to get away to," Ratvasky said.

Many students are disappointed that they will graduate before the facilities are completed "It's too bad that some of us will not be able to make use of this marvel as students, but I am very pleased that this is happening because it will make the campus much more appealing to prospective students," senior Bryan O'Neill said. "I can't wait to bring my children here and show them pictures of when I was here compared to how it is going to look."

Safety and security booklet gives crime stats for past three years

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

The campus seems like a safe place , nevertheless, security is a serious matter.

Everyone should have received an updated Safety and Security booklet in their mailboxes after break. These pamphlets are produced every year and are distributed to all students, faculty and staff. The CLEARY act requires that the campus report all criminal activity and carry statistics on campus crimes for the past three years.

"An act of this sort makes it important to get it correct," John Lechner, assistant dean of student affairs, said.

The booklets contain safety and security suggestions, definitions and important phone numbers. If you need a booklet, you can pick one up at the student affairs office.

On the back of these brochures are the crime statistics. The category that lists the arrests made shows arrests in 1998, but zero arrests in both 1999 and 2000. There were violations of this sort committed in the last two years, but a change in procedure restricted printing them in this category. "These cases are now handled judicially through the college," Lechner said.

A criminal violation is only defined as an arrest when the police take someone into custody. All other violations that were handled judicially occurred in residence halls and did not involve police officers. "We are concerned with what the safety is like in the residence halls," Lechner said.

This information will soon be made available online as well. There will be a section devoted entirely to safety and security under the student affairs heading. Lechner also said he hopes to add a lost and found section to the page where students can search and enter lost items onto the site. "We hope to have everything done by the beginning of the fall semester," Lechner said.

The college now has the ability to arrest people thanks to the new security arrangement. "Security is now half police and half security, so they have the option of arresting someone," Lechner said. The change in the security force just occurred last semester.

Student affairs is required to keep a log of all crimes committed on campus. This log is available for all people to look at and lists information such as specifics of the crime, and the date and time the crime was committed.

If you have any questions about these laws and statistics, call EXT. 7128. "These laws are very complicated and confusing, but we're not going to mess with the law," Lechner said.

In the midst of construction, AV services is still up and running

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The construction of the new campus center has caused a lot of campus organizations and offices to change locations. And as most students know, security has now set up shop in Galbreath. The Career Center is now in Eichenauer. Student publications have scattered their offices across campus as well.

There is one campus organization, however, that has remained totally within the construction site. Located in room 110 on the first floor of Freeman, the office of audio-visual services has remained functional while bricks and mortar have been torn down and put up around it.

"It's been a little bit of a challenge, but overall the effect of construction hasn't been too bad," said AV services director Gary Swanson. "We lose power every now and then, and there's a lot of noise when the workers are running jackhammers and other equipment, but the office tends to be noisy anyway."

AV Services began more than 20 years ago when Dr. Galbreath started it in 1976 as an offshoot of the Education Department, with offices on the third floor of Old Main. Dr. Huey took over in 1977, and Swanson became director in 1990. In 1991, the office was moved to its present location in Freeman Hall.

"We wanted to become centrally located. We were very interested in having the office on the ground level. Plus, it's nice to have an elevator," Swanson said.

Since then, both students and faculty have taken advantage of the services the organization offers. Most services are for academic purposes. Students and professors can check out videos and DVDs for classes from the office's media library. They can also enhance presentations with transparency projectors, slide projectors, CD players and numerous other kinds of audio or visual equipment. AVservices also sells and copies audio and videocassettes as well as edits video projects. Training is also available for students and faculty who wish to use the equipment.

However, the most popular service they offer is lamination. "The amount of lamination we run in a year is amazing because anyone can have anything laminated. We see everything from news clippings to pictures to posters. It's a great way to preserve these items," Swanson said.

Students and faculty can contact the A.V. Services at EXT. 7188. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AROUND THE GLOBE

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Punxsutawney to publicly display 30 groundhog statues

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. - Punxsutawney Phil may have a hard time not seeing his shadow next year.

Hoping to mirror the success of other public art displays such as Chicago's cows, Cincinnati's pigs, Los Angeles' angels and New Orleans' crawfish, officials in Punxsutawney are planning to place 30 facsimiles of the weather-predicting woodchuck around town.

"When people come here they want to see things related to Phil and the weather," said Marlene Lellock, executive director of the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce.

Like in other places, Punxsutawney officials will ask people to sponsor the groundhog statues, which will be decorated by artists and named with an emphasis on-what else?-the weather.

Suburban Erie artist David Seitzinger has been given the job of designing the statutes of the furry forecaster.

Seitzinger has three sketches of a possible statute, based on a chubby groundhog that lives near his studio and emerges to eat apples.

"I tried to make it big and fat," Seitzinger said. "The bigger and fatter it is, the better for the artist. More to work with."

Like Phil's powers of prognostication, the statue concept has European roots.

The concept originated in 1998 in Zurich, Switzerland, where more than 800 decorated fiberglass cows dotted the landscape. The idea was picked up by Chicago in 1999, and several American cities have followed suit.

Groundhog Day is based on a German superstition which holds that if an animal sees its shadow on Feb. 2--the Christian holiday of Candlemas--then bad weather is in store. A shadow would mean six more weeks of winter.

Male stripper convicted of sexually assaulting a club patron

FRANKLIN, Pa. - A male stripper who used the stage name Nick Stiletto will spend 41/2 to 10 years in prison for sexually assaulting a female patron after a "Ladies Night" show at an Oil City bar in April.

Venango County Judge H. William White told Tony Carlos Salkeld, 36, of Los Angeles, that he wanted to impose a longer sentence on Friday, but couldn't under state guidelines.

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated about four hours in October before convicting Salkeld of sexually assaulting a 22-year-old Oil City woman.

Salkeld was acquitted of a rape charge in the April 27 incident at Billy's Bar. Under Pennsylvania law, a sexual assault is intercourse without consent; rape is intercourse without consent achieved with the threat or use of force.

District Attorney Marie Veon argued that Salkeld raped the woman after making repeated advances toward her throughout the evening.

Public defender Russell Karl said the sex was consensual, and the victim claimed rape only because she couldn't otherwise explain the sexual encounter to her best friend--her fiance's sister.

"A lot of bad judgment occurred ... but a rape didn't occur," Karl told the jury in closing arguments.

The woman testified she rejected Salkeld's advances at least three times, but nonetheless went with him to the bar's basement after he spoke of "wanting to talk" to her.

Salkeld did not testify at trial. But Veon told the jury that Salkeld told police he didn't need to rape women because they "threw themselves" at him all the time.

Titusville resident lands role in *The Mothman Prophesies*

By Jon Sherman
TITUSVILLE HERALD

TITUSVILLE, Pa. - Actor Shane Callahan, a former Titusville resident, has a role in *The Mothman Prophesies*, a thriller which opens nationally this weekend. But movie goers will have to wait for the DVD of the film to be released to see his best work.

Set in and around Pittsburgh, the film stars Richard Gere and Laura Linney. Callahan plays a character named Nat Griffin and appears in two scenes.

"I have one line and I'm not on screen when I say it." Callahan said in a telephone interview from his home in Los Angeles. "I guess you could call me a 'featured extra' in this picture."

"Mothman Prophesies" is adapted from a non-fiction book which dealt with a rash of paranormal incidents reported by residents of Point Pleasant, W.Va., in 1966 and 1967 that ended with a disaster that claimed 46 lives.

In the movie, Kittanning in Armstrong County is used instead of Point Pleasant.

As the picture was being filmed, Callahan said his character centered around the strange lights which were observed in the sky. After his scenes were filmed, however, the director said Callahan's scenes too closely resembled something from "Close Encounters," so they were scrapped.

More of his work will be visible when the DVD version of the film is released, Callahan said.

Callahan said he will be shown to better advantage in the upcoming movie, "Gods and Generals," described as a "prequel" to "Gettysburg," and which is scheduled for release at a later date.

In this picture, Callahan said he has a good scene with Jeff Daniels, in which they discuss the slavery issue. Later in the movie, Callahan's character gets his arm blown off in a battle scene.

The son of Ed and Connie Callahan of West Spring Street, Callahan is a 1992 graduate of Titusville High School, where he went by the name of Mike. He graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 1995 with an associate degree in film and music business.

Callahan said during his years in Titusville, he never performed in either school or community theater productions. "Too scared," was his recollection.

Television viewers have seen Callahan in a commercial for the Pennsylvania Lottery. The scene takes place around a dinner table. One of Callahan's lines is, "Karen and I have an important announcement to make."

Enron hopes to sell Limbach Services for $80-$120 million

PITTSBURGH - One of Pittsburgh's largest contracting companies, which did work on the former Three Rivers Stadium and the new PNC Park, is being sold to raise money to help Enron Corp. dig out of the largest bankruptcy case in U.S. history.

Officials with the Texas-based energy company hope to sell Limbach Facility Services for $80 million to $120 million, Limbach chairman Steve Wurzel told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for a story in Sunday's edition.

The company, started as a roofing and sheet metal company in 1901 by Frank Limbach, has grown into one of Pittsburgh's largest private companies, and did work on former Three Rivers Stadium and PNC Park, as well as stadiums, manufacturing plants and office buildings around the country.

The company employs 2,600 people nationwide and has revenue of $600 million.

Scott and Walter Limbach, grandsons of the founder, sold the company in 1996 to Compagnie Generale des Eaux, a French utility. Enron purchased the company in 1998 along with two other Limbach companies, Linc Corp. and Affiliated Building Services, which provides management services to airports.

As many as six buyers have expressed interest in Limbach, which has not been affected by Enron's bankruptcy, Wurzel said.

"Lots of friends have called me from Pittsburgh to ask me if we are OK. We are OK," Wurzel said, adding he hopes a buyer will keep the company in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh's International Airport managers learn about security measures

PITTSBURGH - Managers at Pittsburgh International Airport recently traveled to London Heathrow Airport to learn about security measures put in place following the 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Among the security measures under consideration are face-recognition cameras now used at Heathrow that scan crowds for known terrorists, and also a multilayered luggage-inspection systems.

"We were on a fact-finding mission to see what somebody else does and to see about positive bag-checking, because they screen everything," said Kent George, executive director of the Allegheny County Airport Authority. "We wanted to take a look at what they're doing to see how we could implement it here."

Heathrow's system of inspecting all luggage involves as many as five tiers; luggage containing suspicious items endures more scrutiny, including hand searches.

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NATIONAL

New policy seeks legal rights for gay "co-parents"

By Lindsey Tanner
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO - The American Academy of Pediatrics has endorsed homosexual adoption, saying gay couples can provide the loving, stable and emotionally healthy family life that children need.

The new policy focuses specifically on gaining legally protected parental rights for gay "co-parents" whose partners have children, but it also could apply to gay couples who want to adopt a child together, said Dr. Joseph Hagan Jr., chairman of the committee that wrote the policy.

Citing estimates suggesting that as many as 9 million U.S. children have at least one gay parent, the academy urged its 55,000 members to take an active role in supporting measures that allow homosexual adoption.

An academy report, based on related research, says, "There's no existing data to support the widely held belief that there are negative outcomes" for children raised by gay parents, Hagan said.

"Denying legal parent status through adoption ... prevents these children from enjoying the psychological and legal security that comes from having two willing, capable and loving parents," the policy says.

Critics say the nation's largest pediatricians' group relied on flawed data and is meddling in a political issue.

"It's a group of pro-homosexual people ... who want to further tear down the one-man, one-woman relationship in America," said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, a Christian lobbying group. He called the policy irresponsible and "a disservice to medicine."

But the academy says it's crucial for pediatricians to get involved because gay households are becoming more prevalent and doctors are increasingly confronted with related issues.

Gay partners often are the primary caretakers, but without parental rights they have no legal say in matters as simple as granting doctors' permission to give a child a shot, said Dr. Barbara J. Howard, an assistant pediatrics professor at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center who helped draft the policy.

Also, children in gay households may lack health insurance if the family's only breadwinner is a gay parent without parental rights, Hagan said.

In addition, gay partners lacking parental rights may lose visitation or custody battles when a couple separates or one partner dies, depriving children they've helped raise of future contact, Howard said.

"It's not a political issue," Howard said. "This is an issue regarding the well-being of the child."

The policy is published in the February issue of the academy's medical journal, Pediatrics.

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychological Association also support homosexual adoption.

Steven Drizin, an attorney with Northwestern University's Children and Family Justice Center, said the academy's stance will make a tremendous difference in legal battles involving gay adoption.

"The stamp of approval from a widely respected and mainstream organization ... will go a long way to further the movement throughout courts and legislatures," Drizin said.

Nationwide, about half the states have allowed second-parent gay adoptions, where one partner already is a legal parent, said Patricia Logue, an attorney with the gay rights advocacy group Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

A handful of states have prohibitive statutes. Florida bans any homosexual from adopting, while bans in Utah and Mississippi affect gay couples but not gay individuals, said Lisa Bennett of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group.

Research cited in the academy's report includes a study published last year suggesting that children with gay parents are more open to considering homosexual activity than those raised in heterosexual homes, although not more likely to be homosexual as adults.

Gay rights opponents say that study supports their contention that being raised in a gay family is harmful.

But the academy's policy statement says "there is no basis on which to assume that a parental homosexual orientation will increase likelihood of or induce a homosexual orientation in the child."

Hot-button issues aren't new for the academy, which also has supported gun control and banning television for children under 2, and opposed mandatory disclosure to parents when patients are considering abortion.

Boston inmate suing the state to pay for sex change operation

Denise Lavoie
AP WRITER

BOSTON - A man sentenced to life in prison without parole for strangling his wife is trying to force the state to pay for a sex change operation and hormone therapy to allow him to live as a woman.

Robert Kosilek, who uses the name Michelle, planned to be in federal court Monday to ask a judge to order the state Department of Corrections to cover the treatment.

He claims in a lawsuit that the corrections department is violating his civil rights and subjecting him to cruel and unusual punishment by refusing to provide treatment for his gender identity disorder. He said he suffers continuous depression, anxiety and a high level of stress as a result of being denied treatment.

"The universal prescribed treatment involves psychotherapy, hormone therapy, and surgical correction of the offending genitalia," he said in court documents.

Advocates say there have been several cases across the country of transgender inmates successfully suing to get treatment, including psychotherapy and hormone therapy, but none have succeeded in getting surgery.

Kosilek, 52, says he began asking the state for treatment in 1990, after he was arrested in the killing of his 36-year-old wife, Cheryl. During his murder trial, Kosilek wore shoulder-length hair and long fingernails to court. His lawyer called him Michelle.

His condition was not part of his defense, however, he claimed he killed his wife in self-defense after she spilled boiling tea on his genitals. He was convicted in 1993 of strangling her with a length of wire and leaving her body in the back of a parked car.

John Moses, who prosecuted Kosilek, said the state should not be forced to pay for the operation.

"It doesn't seem to make any sense to me," Moses said.

The Department of Corrections tried unsuccessfully to get Kosilek's lawsuit thrown out. Neither the department nor Commissioner Michael T. Maloney would comment on the case before trial.

Hill & Barlow, the law firm appointed by the court to represent Kosilek, said in a statement: "The case raises important constitutional issues about medical treatment for prisoners." Individual lawyers appointed to the case would not comment.

Jennifer Levi, an attorney with Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, said inmates found to need sex change operations should get them.

"Transsexualism is a legitimate medical condition, and experts in the field recognize that for some individuals, sex reassignment surgery is the only way to treat that. Bias--which is not based on medical information--should not trump a prisoner's access to appropriate health care," Levi said.

Colleges prepare students to combat the slumping economy

James Hannah
AP WRITER

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio - Jodee Zalar has a 3.6 grade average at Wittenberg University, studied in England and has completed several internships.

She also is among thousands of concerned college seniors feeling the effects of a job market that has slumped with the economy. Zalar, 21, of the Cleveland suburb of Broadview Heights, said some prospective employers have accepted her resume and given her interviews--but no job offers.

"It's turning out to be a lot more difficult than I anticipated," said Zalar, who expects to graduate with a degree in psychology. "The biggest struggle right now is to stay positive and realize that I've done the best I could to become who I think I need to be as a marketable person."

Companies expect to hire about 20 percent fewer new college graduates this year than last, according to a survey of 237 employers nationwide by the Bethlehem-Pa.-based National Association of Colleges and Employers. They are also cutting back on campus recruiting, which has left colleges looking for new ways to help graduates land jobs.

According to the survey, the fewest opportunities for graduates appear to be with communications companies, automotive and mechanical equipment manufacturers and financial-services firms.

The national unemployment rate for those between the ages of 20 and 24 was 9.6 percent in December, up from 6.9 percent the previous December.

"A lot of students are looking at the job market and thinking there's just no point," association spokesman Jerry Bohovich said. "But there are still opportunities out there."

Robert Candage, who graduated from Wittenberg last semester with a degree in management, is waiting tables while he job hunts. He said companies appear to be waiting out the recession.

"I'm going to have to do the same, just wait it out," said Candage, 22, of North Canton. "Obviously, I'm disappointed that the job market isn't booming. But you have to play the hand you've been dealt."

College officials nationwide are adjusting to cope with the tight job market:

Wittenberg has persuaded employers who have canceled college visits to conduct mock interviews with students.

Santa Clara University in northern California has begun "resume audits" in which student resumes are reviewed and improved by college officials to catch prospective employers' attention.

Ohio State University's business college took students to New York to meet with investment banks and more trips are being considered.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has begun holding "Networking Nights," in which about 30 professionals in a specified field are invited to meet students.

George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., uses newspapers to find companies that have been awarded contracts and calls them about possible job openings.

Walsh University in North Canton is luring recruiters to campus for "TGI Friday" job fairs with the promise of free food. The school waives its usual job-fair fee of up to $250 and holds a reception for recruiters.

Cornell University in New York plans to have early 1990s graduates share with students how to find jobs during tough times.

Alice Tenney, director of placement services at Wittenberg, said although many recruiters have canceled campus visits, she has persuaded some to come for mock interviews to give seniors practice.

"This is not a year you can blow real interviews when you get them because there are not going to be as many of them," she said.

Andy Ceperley, director of the career center at Santa Clara, said today's job market is especially tough in nearby Silicon Valley.

"We have had to try to get a little more creative," he said. "We're trying to ensure that our students' resumes are better than they have ever been."

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. Military has called 72,000 reservists to war

Kimberly Hefling
AP WRITER

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Journalism student Elizabeth Casebeer thought it was a prank call: "Your country needs you, pack your bags." Now, she's Army Spc. Casebeer, serving at a U.S.-commandeered airbase in southern Afghanistan.

"I went from college party girl to being a soldier getting shot at five days after I got here," Casebeer, 20, said. "I never thought I'd be called up at all."

That changed with the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The U.S. military has called up 72,000 of its 1.3 million reservists for the war on terrorism. About 100 of them--nurses, warehouse managers, police officers and Casebeer--were sent to the Kandahar airbase, bringing skills the military needs.

From campus life at the University of Alabama, Casebeer now goes a week without showering and has abandoned her contact lenses because of Afghanistan's brown desert dust. She dreams of getting a manicure.

Casebeer says she joined the reserves to get the military to help pay her college expenses, but never expected a call-up. Now she takes photos and writes news releases about base life for the 314 Press Camp Headquarters.

Army Col. Homer Newton, 53, is using his experience in warehousing at an Arkansas chemical company to help the Army with the complicated logistics of keeping the Kandahar base supplied. He says conditions are tougher at Kandahar than when he served as a Marine in Vietnam.

"It's not like McDonald's where you can just drive through and get a burger," Newton said. "It takes time to do things."

Neverthless, he says, most reservists are happy to serve.

"You don't run into very many people who don't want to be here," Newton said. "Nine-11 had a tremendous affect on our nation and the citizen soldiers."

Reservists train one weekend a month and two full weeks a year. They receive a salary, funding for education and retirement benefits after 20 years.

As a trained flight nurse, Air Force Maj. David Roll knew he would be needed. His 622 Air Medical Evacuation Squadron provides medical care on planes ferrying soldiers from combat zones to a hospital.

"After 9-11 occurred, we started packing our toiletries," said Roll. Normally, he works for a pharmaceuticals company.

The squadron deployed in October and spent three months at a location the military refuses to disclose before coming to Kandahar. He mainly serves as a flight nurse, but he's also given health checks to al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners held at Kandahar.

The military has 324 detainees in "the Afghan theater of operation," according to Capt. Tony Rivers, an Army spokesman. The military refuses to give specifics but many are thought to be at Kandahar.

Roll said he's seen 15- or 16-year-old suspected fighters who seemed really scared. Others he said were cocky and appeared to be mercenaries for other countries.

"One guy said he wanted to go skiing in Tora Bora. Another said he was here to lose weight," said Roll, referring to the mountains in eastern Afghanistan pounded by U.S. bombers to flush out al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

But, Roll added, "some you can tell are hardcore al-Qaida willing to resist to the end."

Air Force Master Sgt. Joel Gallihugh, a police lieutenant in Detroit, is part of a unit of mainly police and prison officers who help process detainees and guard them as they board planes for Guantanamo Bay, the Navy base in Cuba where suspected terrorists are being held.

"They don't talk much. They do what you tell them to do," he said.

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Greg Hollingsead, who is on active duty, said the reservist guards bring knowledge of handling prisoners that he, as a security manager at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan., does not have.

"They can see a situation before it becomes a problem," Hollingsead said. "They definitely bring a lot of experience."

The law mandates that reservists get their jobs back when their deployment ends.

Casebeer, however, fears she won't get credit for last semester's work. She was deployed to Kuwait two weeks before her finals and so far, only one teacher has said she can take the exams when she gets back.

Troops ready to evacuate Mexican towns before volcano eruption

Lisa J. Adams
AP WRITER

LA BECERRERA, MEXICO - Army troops stood ready to evacuate hundreds of residents from towns on the flanks of Mexico's most active volcano Sunday as scientists said building pressure signaled an imminent eruption of the 3,820-meter (12,533-foot) "Volcano of Fire."

During the last several days smoke, ash and vapor have been spewing from the crater of the volcano in western Colima state.

Scientists said that within days or weeks, a huge dome of lava developing inside the crater would either collapse, sending hot rivers of lava and rock down the peak's southern flanks, or explode, launching rock and ash into the surrounding area.

Internal explosions in the volcano in 1999 sent lava flowing five kilometers (three miles) down the slopes, forcing the evacuation of nearly 500 people from 11 hamlets.

Residents are always barred from going within 6.5 kilometers (four miles) of the volcano. Since the lava dome has begun to expand, civil protection authorities are blocking anyone who doesn't live in the area from going any closer than 11.5 kilometers (seven miles).

White plumes of smoke curled skyward from the crater Sunday, a sign that pressure was escaping. Area vulcanologists said seismic activity remained at stable, non-threatening levels.

Soldiers guarded the perimeters of the danger zone and manned the streets of area towns in case of an evacuation, and some coffee workers were unable to work in fields located within prohibited areas.

But it was a quiet Sunday for residents in the small villages of Yerbabuena and La Becerrera, located eight and 10 kilometers (five and six miles), respectively, from the volcano.

Cattle grazed in the shadow of the smoking colossus and machete-wielding workers cut fields of sugarcane, while townspeople attended Mass, swept the sidewalks or chatted with neighbors on the sun-dappled streets.

"I've lived here all my life and I don't feel like there's any danger," said 40-year-old Daniel Viscaino, a farmer, taxi driver and musician from La Becerrera, a town of 500 people.

"As long as the smoke is coming out like that nothing's going to happen. Besides, it's nature. No one but God can really say when our time is up."

Alvaro Lepe, 52, owns 100 hectares (250 acres) of sugar cane, pasture and coffee fields in Yerbabuena, a hamlet of about 200 people. He said he's been keeping an eye on the volcano for 20 years.

"While it has changed, in no moment has it been as scary as they say," he said, nodding his straw-hatted head toward the volcano's peak as 30 workers labored in the cane field behind him.

"Nature is very unpredictable," he said, adding that if there were a strong eruption "you'd see both animals and people running for their lives."

Vulcanologists consider the Colima volcano to be the most active and potentially the most destructive of nine volcanoes located across the middle Mexico. It has staged violent eruptions dozens of times since its first recorded eruption in 1560.

About 300,000 people live within 40 kilometers (25 miles) of the volcano, and Colima city, the state capital, is within 30 kilometers (20 miles).

But researchers say, in recent times, lava has never descended below 1,900 meters (500 feet), well above the altitude of the current villages.

Wall Street Journal reporter kidnapped:
Whereabouts of Daniel Pearl, 38, still unknown

PARIS - The wife of kidnapped Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl appealed for his release, saying in a televised interview Sunday that she hoped to start a dialogue with the kidnappers.

Marianne Pearl told France-2 television that she wanted "to explain that it's a false path to take innocent people to avenge the deaths of others."

"I'm trying to start a dialogue with them," said Mrs. Pearl, a free-lance journalist, who is six months pregnant with their first child.

"He's being used as a symbol," she said during the brief interview, which was filmed in Karachi, Pakistan. "It makes no sense."

Pearl, 38, the newspaper's South Asian bureau chief, was abducted in Karachi on Jan. 23 while working on a story about Islamic fundamentalists.

Pakistani police consider Islamic extremists to be the most likely suspects in his kidnapping but are still unsure of Pearl's whereabouts.

His wife's first attempt to communicate with the kidnappers came when she published an open letter Saturday in a Pakistani newspaper, in which she asked the kidnappers to free her husband "as people inspired by Islam's ethics."

"I ask them to be people who have the courage to actually take the first step to end this cycle of suffering," she wrote in the letter for the Urdu language newspaper, Jang. "Let real justice win. Maybe because you have suffered so much, because you are crying so much for justice, maybe you are the first ones to implement justice."

Pakistani police, who have mounted an all-out manhunt for Pearl, reported no breakthrough on Sunday in their search.

Conflicting claims about the journalist's fate have complicated the search. Police now believe that several e-mails purportedly from kidnappers were hoaxes.

Two e-mails sent last week, which police believe to be genuine, showed photographs of Pearl. The photographs variously showed him with a gun to his head, with his hands chained, and holding an edition of a local newspaper.

MSU waives fees

BECKLEY, W.Va. - Mountain State University will waive tuition and fees for undergraduate students age 60 and over next fall in an attempt to get older West Virginians back into the classroom.

Students participating in the Seniors at Mountain State University program will still be required to pay for books and class materials.

"Learning is a lifelong process, and our mission at Mountain State University is to make higher education accessible to people of all ages," said Charles H. Polk, MSU's president.

The tuition waiver does not apply to graduate programs, health science programs, or limited enrollment programs.

Courses available through the program include computer technology, arts and sciences, foreign language, literature, math and philosophy.

Applicants are sought for the positions of **student editors** of the college student periodicals (Holcad, Argo, and Scrawl).

A candidate must be a full-time, undergraduate student who possesses at least a 2.3 minimum cumulative Q.P.A. and who plans to be enrolled at Westminster College for the next, entire academic year. Application instructions are available at the Office of Student Affairs.

Applications are to be submitted to:
Bryan Rennie, Chair and Secretary of the Student Publications Board,
no later than the end of the first full week of March. They are to include the following materials:

1. Resumé.
2. Writing Samples; up to three samples totaling no more than 10 pages (3,000 words).
3. A Letter of Application that describes the applicant's goals for the publication, as well as the methods and personal skills that will be used to reach those goals.
4. Up to three Letters of Reference.
5. Any other materials that support the student's application.

Applications may be sent by mail (Patterson Hall 126) or as e-mail attachments (brennie@westminster.edu). Inquiries can be made by e-mail.

LOCAL FINE DINING

Shakespeare's in Ellwood City: a good place to eat

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

After rave reviews, Andi and I set off to review Shakespeare's Restaurant in Ellwood City. We realized it would be quite a drive, but were eager to do what we had to to get a good food review spread (and good food).

Our first step in getting there was to get on Yahoo for directions. We got what we thought were wonderful directions. Having never before been anywhere near Ellwood City, we were excited when we finally got there. According to the directions, in less than five miles we should be at the restaurant. Well, we drove and we drove, then we turned around and stopped.

In a small gas station/sub shop we asked for directions. The lady sent us down a scary, yes very scary, little road, and at one point of our trip down it, Andi looked out the window and said, "I think that's where they throw the bodies." It turns out Yahoo had messed up right at the end of the directions.

Soon, we got off the really scary road and ended up in the right direction. Turning into the parking lot, we were awed. Shakespeare's Restaurant is a castle, complete with a drawbridge and super, huge doors. The only thing missing was a moat, but that can be forgiven.

We expected it to be a nice romantic atmosphere and to stick out like a sore thumb because we were not a couple. It turns out that there weren't a lot of dining couples. Some diners were families, some couples, some looked like business gatherings.

We did not have a wait for a table on a Thursday night, but that probably doesn't happen on the weekends. The place is also equipped with a pub, restaurant and banquet facilities.

Though we did not have the most spectacular waiter, our experience at the restaurant was good. The waiter was probably intimidated by the amount of food we ordered and didn't eat. Then there was the time he came to the table and Andi was writing in her notebook. The fact that we were found out as food critics did not change the way he waited on our table, after all, our tip was going to be minimal compared to that of the eight-top he was also serving that was having wine and coffee.

The food was spectacular. All the dishes are named after Shakespearean plays or characters. The menu offered everything from salads to steak, and lamb chops to fish. For the lighter wallet there are simple sandwiches as well. The two of us actually ate for just over $50 with the tip included, and it was well worth it.

I enjoyed my Pericles the day after as well as at dinner.

I liked Shakespeare's and after I was done I thought, "I want to get married here." If not that, I'd at least love to work there. All the serving staff wears these cute peasant tops and I'm sure the tips are wonderful.

As for Valentine's Day, the restaurant is offering a special dinner and reservations are required. Their special holiday dinner includes an appetizer, salad, entrée, starch, vegetable, dessert and glass of champagne with prices ranging from $22.95 to $36.95 before tax and gratuities. For more information call (724) 752-4653.

By Andi Majot
STAFF WRITER

If you like adventure, reasonable prices and entrees inspired by Elizabethan literature, Shakespeare's will not disappoint.

Heidi Krieger and I set off on Thursday night to experience what amounted to be an English major's paradise: literary gags and food.

As Heidi mentioned, we did have considerable difficulty finding Shakespeare's. Perhaps if I had paid more attention to the road instead of breaking Heidi's concentration with my repeated declaration of "I'm the navigator," we would have found it on our own.

In spite of the difficulty we had getting there, I would rate my experience at Shakespeare's high: a nine out of 10.

The building, which looks like a castle from the outside, is visually impressive and well-maintained. Inside, suits of armor and heraldic designs promote a whimsical atmosphere.

After recovering from my initial disappointment that there was no floor show (think Medieval Times as featured on the Jim Carrey classic, *The Cable Guy*), I came to appreciate the cleanliness and service. Heidi and I ordered appetizers: a crab and shrimp spread with pita and some sort of perversion of bruschetta. In both presentation and taste, the food was above reproach.

The menu featured a myriad of dishes with literary names such as "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "The Lancelot" and "The Tempest." The food selections ranged from classic to adventurous and were easily affordable.

I chose "The Gauntlet," which consisted of grilled chicken and spices over pasta. Everything was carefully prepared; the taste was bold, but not overpowering. Based on my experience, I would say it was safe to assume that everything there is excellent, if not at least worth a try. Food presentation was outstanding, down to the variety of flower-shaped butter pats that came with our rolls.

I would recommend Shakespeare's for any type of occasion. It is definitely worth the drive.

Shakespeare's

Dinner for two: around $50
Valentine's Day: call (724) 752-4653 for reservations
Directions: Take Rt. 65 south through Ellwood City. The club entrance is on the right.

Disappointment not in the recipe at Jess's Restaurant

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again, Valentine's Day. Flower shops will be sold out, the bookstore will offer pathetic last-minute cards, and local restaurants will be packed.

Need to dig yourself out of a hole? A quick phone call can get you reservations at Jess's Restaurant in Hermitage, and you won't be disappointed.

I went to eat at Jess's Tuesday night, and have few complaints. From the outside, it looked like a dive bar, but I was surprised once inside. Walking in, the first thing I noticed was the great atmosphere, including dark colors, low lights and good music in the background. The staff was well-dressed and looked polished in their black and white uniforms. It did get a little chilly after a while, but a quick word to the waitress corrected that.

I actually cringed when I told the hostess, "Table for two," because usually the two-seater tables or booths at restaurants are so small you can barely fit two plates on them. I was pleasantly surprised as she led us to a spacious booth for two. As an added bonus, the two-seaters are usually up against a wall, giving a measure of privacy to the meal.

A free vegetable platter with ranch dip kicked off the meal, which is good because all of the other appetizers looked awful. They offer these Potato Nachos, which are waffle-cut potatoes with beef on them. Who orders that? We finally settled on the mushroom caps, and they tasted like plastic with cheese. Bad appetizers.

The main courses all looked great and a variety of chicken, fish, beef and pasta were offered. I went for the Steak Oscar, and recommend it. My date opted for the Cajun halibut, which was also good.

The waitress was pleasant and helpful. Our food was brought out quickly and our drinks were refilled at a tolerable rate. A meal for two, including appetizer, will cost between $40 and $50, depending on if you tip well. Knock out the appetizer and it'll cost you a solid $40, which isn't bad for a Valentine's Day meal.

Reservations are one of the best things a restaurant can offer on holidays, and Jess's does not disappoint. Just call 724-342-7244 a few days ahead to secure a lovely dining experience that won't soon be forgotten.

Jess's Restaurant

Dinner for two: $40 - $50
Valentine's Day: call (724) 342-7244 for reservations
Directions: Take Rt. 60 into Sharon/Hermitage, get off at Rt. 18, turn onto Rt. 62 north. The restaurant is on the left.

Go early for a table at the Iron Bridge on V-day

By Sarah Lohr
STAFF WRITER

Less than a 15-minute drive away on route 19 North, the Iron Bridge Inn is a great date destination for Valentine's Day.

My boyfriend Mike and I sampled the food and service last Friday night.

When we arrived at 4:15 p.m., we were seated with no wait. The rustic décor and candlelit tables are ideal for any date or just a meal with friends.

When we couldn't decide between the snow crab legs and the stuffed mushroom caps for an appetizer, our waiter, Andy, was very accommodating and made us one plate with both.

Although it was a bit disturbing to be watched by a giant stuffed polar bear while cracking open our crab legs, we devoured the whole plate leaving only butter-covered placemats behind.

For the soups that accompanied our meals, I chose the French onion and Mike chose the soup of the day, shrimp chowder. The chowder could have been warmer, but was delicious; the onion was average.

I ordered a moderately-priced chicken dish that reminded me of a classy potpie. The dish was composed of grilled chicken breast, cauliflower, broccoli and cheese wrapped in a puffed pastry with hollandaise sauce.

It also came with a side of red potatoes grilled with a hint of garlic and the vegetable of the day.

Mike, never passing up an opportunity for a good steak, ordered the surf n' turf. It included two large lobster tails, a steak and an abnormally large baked potato.

Most main dishes were between $10 and $13 each and included soups or salads. The Iron Bridge offers a variety of dishes including salads, pastas, sandwiches and various beef, seafood, poultry and meatless selections.

The hearty portions left us stuffed, but never willing to pass up desert, I coerced Mike into having some pie with me. I had the exquisite peanut butter pie and Mike had the raspberry pie that he described as average.

The atmosphere of the restaurant was warm and pleasant and stayed relatively quiet even when the dinner crowd arrived around 5 p.m. The service was prompt and friendly even when the place was crowded.

We couldn't leave without inspecting the cleanliness of the bathrooms, so we went our separate ways. We both agreed that the bathrooms were very clean but were disturbed by the midget-sized saloon-style doors.

Andy told us that although they don't take reservations for Valentine's Day, he suggests getting to the restaurant at 4 p.m. to avoid waiting.

He also told us to check the specials that the Iron Bridge posts daily at www.springfields.com.

The Iron Bridge is a great place to take a date. The moderately-priced food and excellent service make this a sure bet for Valentine's Day.

Springfield Grille: great food and great service

By Lani Nuss and Beth Staley
STAFF WRITERS

The Springfield Grille
Dinner for two: around $50
Valentine's Day: call (724) 748-3589 for reservations
Directions: Take PA-208 east to Rt. 19 north

On Jan. 31, Lani Nuss and Beth Staley visited Springfield Grille undercover in order to bring you a detailed evaluation of this restaurant as a possible location for your Valentine's Day dinner. Located along Rt. 19, Springfield Grille may look like a shady bar because of the cheesy neon lights illuminating it. However, appearances are deceiving. Just as the cafeteria Jello may seem edible, when in reality it is suitable only for--nevermind, it is not suitable at all. Anyway, regardless of outside appearance, Springfield Grille is a sophisticated restaurant suitable for wooing your valentine.

Disclaimer: If you are a vegetarian, stop reading this story because cows and sea creatures were slain to make our dinner a reality.

FOOD: FIVE STARS

Lani and Beth started with spinach artichoke dip as their appetizer. It was served with fresh tortilla chips. Words cannot describe the spinach artichoke dip, but stars can, so we give it four stars. It was delicious.

Lani ordered a 10-ounce filet mignon with a sautéed vegetable medley and sprig salad. Lani's face spoke for her as she enjoyed her first forkful of the steak. Lani's brilliant quote: "Mmmm."

Beth ordered the stuffed shrimp entrée with sautéed vegetables and turtle soup. Beth had never tried turtle soup before, and she daringly tested this southern delicacy. "I really enjoyed my turtle soup," she said, "It made me want to read the Tortoise and the Hare. Luckily, I never leave home without the book. What a moment to be eating the very thing you're reading. Next, I'm going to order whale and read Moby Dick." Unfortunately, whale is not offered on the menu at Springfield Grille. Beth agrees that the stuffed shrimp was the best she had ever tasted.

The chocolate cake was cool.

SERVICE: FOUR THUMBS UP (we are capable of that between the two of us)

All in all, our waitress attended to us with hospitality, punctuality and sincere friendliness. However, she did not deliver the sprig salad with Italian dressing to Lani. Instead, she brought a house salad with olive dressing. Lani overlooked this blunder because she was intrigued by the plot of the Tortoise and the Hare storybook that Beth was reading.

ATMOSPHERE: PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF LIGHTNING

Springfield Grille is decorated with romantic oil paintings and animal wall mountings. The ambiance was a bit adult for our youthful tastes. However, we did enjoy the fireplace and wooden panels. Nonetheless, we were disturbed by a light that flickered on and off as if we were on a stage. Although we like to be on stage, we do not appreciate being blinded while eating off-stage. If you are a rock star, you will feel very cozy in your eating environment at the Springfield Grille.

BATHROOMS: THREE QUESTION MARKS

When Tom DeLuca came to Westminster, he hypnotized us to believe that we were camels, and we haven't used the restroom since. Thus, we were not capable of judging the cleanliness of the lavatories at Springfield Grille.

Overall, Nuss and Beth thoroughly enjoyed their dinner at Springfield Grille. We highly recommend it as a place for you and your valentine to dine. You may want to make a reservation by calling (724) 748-3589. Happy Valentine's Day.

Ruby Tuesday's offers a diverse menu and salad bar

By Jess Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Ruby Tuesday's
Dinner for two: $20 - $30
Valentine's Day: maybe something fancier is in order
Directions: Take Rt. 18 to Rt. 60 South. Get off at the 224 exit. Go straight at the light. The restaurant is on the right.

Ruby Tuesday's has the best salad bar in the entire world, at least according to my friend Val and I. When I was asked to do a food review story, I jumped at the chance to make a trip to Ruby's.

Ruby Tuesday's has a fun atmosphere. The decorations are similar to a T.G.I. Friday's with pictures and different objects on the wall. Televisions are also strategically placed at all corners of the restaurant.

The restaurant features a bar area, with enough room for about 10 people at the bar and some tables. The atmosphere was more casual than romantic, so this may be a good place for people in a fairly new relationship trying their first meal together.

The hostess was very nice and tried her best to accommodate us. I have a thing with sitting in a booth when possible, and even though there were no booths available, she told us we could wait until one opened up. Because we were in such a hurry, I told her a table would be fine.

When we sat down, the waiter came over to our table almost immediately. We both ordered a drink, and he brought those back right away.

We both knew what we wanted to eat, so it didn't take us very long to order. I usually get a barbecued chicken quesadilla, and to my dismay, I didn't see it on the menu. When I asked the waiter about it, he said they could still make it for me even though it wasn't on the menu.

I decided to get the quesadilla and the salad bar which was only $1.99 extra with my meal. Val ordered a turkey sandwich and the salad bar.

Both of our meals were tasty and filling. I had to bring half of mine home. Because we both got smaller items, our bill was about $20. The average meal on the menu was about $11. The most expensive item was a full rack of ribs at $16.99 and the least expensive item, aside from the appetizers, was a burger at $5.99.

The menu offered a wide variety of choices includingchicken fingers, shrimp, steak and pasta. Even the pickiest eater would have found something to eat.

We only spent about 45 minutes at the restaurant, so it was a quick meal. Perhaps if we had ordered larger items it would have taken a little longer, but overall the speed of Ruby Tuesday's was impeccable.

I give the restaurant an A for cleanliness, a B for noise quality, an A for the quality of food, based mostly on the amazing salad bar, and a C for romantic atmosphere. The whole time we ate, Sportscenter was on the TV.

This restaurant would be a good choice for a couple who wanted to save money and enjoy a fun meal, but it may be worth springing for the more expensive and fancier restaurant if you are looking for a romantic outing.

The Iron Bridge
Dinner for two: around $50
Valentine's Day: arrive early to avoid a wait
Directions: Take PA-208 east to Rt. 19 north
For menus at The Iron Bridge, Rachel's Roadhouse and The Springfield Grille check out:
www.springfields.com

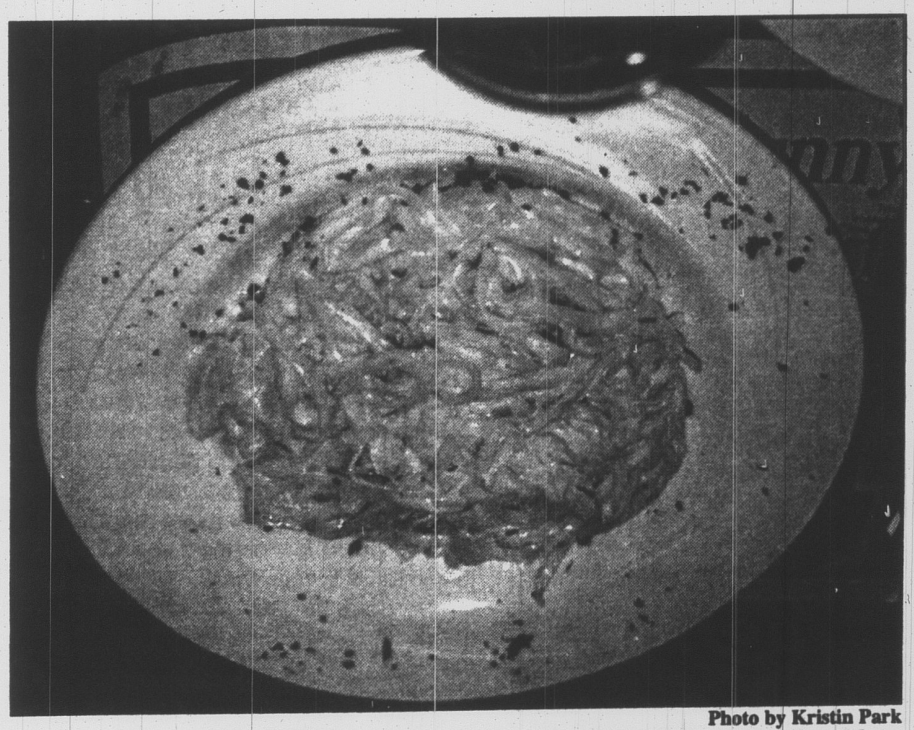


Photo by Kristin Park

Fettuccine Alfredo is just one of the many authentic Italian meals offered by Tuscany Square.

Tuscany Square offers affordable Italian dining

By Kristin Park
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cleanliness: 5 stars
Noise: 4 stars
Food Quality: 4 stars
Romantic Atmosphere: 2 and a half stars

If you are looking for somewhere to go on Valentine's Day with that special someone, Tuscany Square may or may not be the place for you.

The food was really good, and not too pricey, although couples on a very small budget may want to consider another restaurant. A dinner for two will cost anywhere from $20 to $30.

I would recommend Tuscany Square to anyone simply looking for good food and a decent atmosphere, but for a more romantic and personal dinner, you may want to look elsewhere.

SPORTS

Swimmers win record-setting meet

By Nancy Wicks
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams were victorious in their meets against Bethany, Wednesday, Jan. 30, and Washington & Jefferson/Hiram on Saturday, Feb. 2. Both the teams have an overall record of 8-1 and are 2-0 in the PAC Conference.

"The meet at Bethany was fun and exciting," junior Amanda Zelechoski said. "We took our pompoms and signs to cheer each other on at W & J, which was fun."

The Titans won every event and set a W&J pool record in the 200 medley relay. The relay team consisted of seniors Eric Mojock and Kurt Rutthoff, junior Jim Mann and sophomore Matt Buzard.

The Lady Titans also set three pool records at W & J in the 200 medley relay, the 100 breaststroke and the 200 free relay. The 200 medley relay included senior Stephanie Dawson, junior Stefanie King, sophomore Brittany Jardine and freshman April Dollard. King also won the 100 breaststroke. The 200 free relay included seniors Jaime Sell and Karen Faulhaber and juniors Amanda Olinger and Zelechoski.

"It is very exciting to be on the Lady Titan swim team. When driving down to the meet, we already knew we were going to lose the diving event," Jardine said. "Last year we won the Conference, but because of changing over from Division II to III, we could not accept the banner and W & J took it home. It was satisfying to break the records at W & J."

Other winners were seniors Brian Lytle who won the 1000 freestyle and Rotthoff who won the 100 breaststroke. Juniors Seth Bontrager and Mann were winners in the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle respectively. Buzard won the 50 and 100 freestyle. The 200 freestyle relay included seniors Chris Giles and Aaron Francis, and juniors Bontrager and Richard King.

Other winners for the women in individual events were Dawson in the 50 and 100 freestyle, Faulhaber in the 100 backstroke, and Sell in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Jardine won in the 200 individual medley and 100 butterfly.

Westminster won all 11 events in the meet at Bethany. Giles won both the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Senior Brian Lytle also won two events, the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Richard King won the 1000 freestyle and Francis won the 100 freestyle. Rotthoff won the 100 breaststroke, and contributed in the 400 medley relay with Mojock, Buzard and freshman Chris Morgenstern.

Buzard also won the 200 freestyle. Mann won the 100 backstroke and contributed in the win of the 400 relay with Mojock and freshmen Matt DiNardo and Bryan Lee.

Faulhaber won both the 200 individual medley, 500 freestyle and contributed in the 400 freestyle relay with Stephanie King and sophomores Tawnya Brown and Jardine.

Stephanie King and Zelechoski, with Brown and sophomore Katie Alukonis also won the 400 medley relay. King also won the 100 breaststroke.

Other winners were Jardine in the 1000 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Sell won the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Brown also won the 100 freestyle. Alukonis won the 200 freestyle.

Thayer becomes all-time leading scorer for WC

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Titan women's basketball standout Robin Thayer became the all-time leading scorer in the history of the women's basketball program.

The senior guard scored 16 points in a 74-71 win at Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Bethany College, bringing her career scoring total to 1,197 points. The record-breaking basket came on a jumper with two seconds left in the first half against the Bison. Thayer broke the school career scoring mark held by Colleen Dion, who scored 1,185 points from 1992-96 for Westminster. Thayer is also one of only five players in the history of the Lady Titan basketball program to score over 1,000 points in her collegiate career.

The win over the Bison marked the fifth consecutive victory for the Lady Titans, who improved to 10-8 overall and 5-1 against PAC competition, while also avenging a 77-57 loss to the Bison in New Wilmington on Jan. 16. Bethany dropped to 15-5 with the loss. Westminster led 32-25 at the half, but a late Bethany rally tied the game at 63-63 at the end of regulation. Trailing 71-68, Westminster tied the game on a Thayer three-pointer with seven seconds left in overtime to knot the score at 71-71. Bethany inbounded the ball and called time out with two second left. Unable to inbound the ball, the Bison called a time out they did not have, resulting in a technical foul. Lady Titan junior guard Ashley Kenney made one-of-two free throws for a 72-71 Westminster lead, then added two more after being fouled on the inbounds play to clinch the win.

Thayer led four Lady Titan double-figure scorers with her 16 markers, followed by freshman forward Erica Tallo with 15, Kenney with 13 and sophomore forward Alicia Anderson with 10. Junior forward Samor Himes grabbed a team-high 11 boards for Westminster, while junior guard Jennifer Petures dished out a team-best six assists. Bethany was led by Katie Hardie with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Men's team drops to 8-13 overall after loss to Bethany in W. Va.

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The men's basketball team dropped to 8-13 overall and 1-5 against teams from the Presidents' Athletic Conference Saturday in Bethany, W.Va., as the Titans were defeated by PAC leader Bethany College 85-68. The Bison improved to 14-8 with the victory.

Bethany led early in the game, but the Titans rallied to take a lead just before halftime, then went into intermission tied at 36-36. However, the second half proved costly, as the Bison outscored Westminster 49-32 to clinch the victory.

Keith Schubert led Bethany with team-high totals of 31 points and 10 rebounds. For Westminster, junior guard Jeff Simmons led the way with 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the field, followed by sophomore forward Greg Scott with 10 markers. Junior center Greg Foster hauled in a career-high 18 rebounds in the loss for the Titans, while sophomore guard Mike Hill dished out a team-best four assists.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

Indoor track & field season has successful start

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The men's and women's indoor track & field teams each opened the 2002 season this weekend, competing at the Slippery Rock University Open in Slippery Rock, Pa. No team score was kept at the event.

Leading the way for the Titan men was senior Jake Gleason, who placed third in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 9:28.4 and fourth in the 5, 000 meter run with a time of 16:30.1. For the Lady Titans, junior Katie Spehar was the top finisher, placing sixth in the 800 meter run at 2:35.3 and seventh in the mile run at 6:04.7.

The teams return to Slippery Rock this Saturday, Feb. 9, as they compete in the SRU Relays beginning at 10 a.m.

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The Super Bowl is over, and as all of us have seen, the New England Patriots are the 2001-2002 Champions. The second half of the game was exciting and exhilarating, everything a Super Bowl should be. Personally, I had no preference between rooting for New England or St. Louis, yet as the week before the Super Bowl went on and I read about the Patriots being 14-point underdogs, I found myself silently pulling for the Pats. I heard people say that "the only team that can beat St. Louis is St. Louis" and that "there is no way the Rams can lose to anybody, especially the Patriots and their weak defense."

As the days drew closer to Super Bowl Sunday, I developed a slight dislike for the stronger, more skilled Rams. However, after the start of the game and things started going in favor of the Patriots, my feelings shifted. Now, I wanted to see a comeback and watch the Rams crawl out of the hole they dug and win the Super Bowl.

Upon sharing my feelings with a few friends, I found that I wasn't the only one with these thoughts. What is it about the underdog that we want them to win? Why, especially in America, the biggest, strongest and most powerful nation, do we like to see the little guy pull through and get the upset?

After stunning the heavily favored Rams and winning the Super Bowl XXXVI MVP award, quarterback Tom Brady said, "We've got a whole team full of underdogs. And now we're the top dogs." He and his teammates have gone through the playoffs upsetting one team after another. All week, reporters had been asking them how it feels to be playing for a Super Bowl that no one thinks they will win. They knew they were the underdogs, yet they used it to their advantage. They had nothing to lose. If they lost, it would be expected. If they won, it would be a surprise. On the other hand, the Rams faced the pressure of living up to America's expectations. People like to see the underdog win because it shows what can happen with hard work and perseverance.

Parts of this Super Bowl were so dramatic that it could have been a movie. The Patriots coming out of the tunnel as a team after the Rams were introduced separately, showed the unity and collaboration of New England. The tributes to Sept. 11 were also moving and added a "sports are just for fun" element to the game. My only complaint was that Paul McCartney (from Liverpool) and U2 (from Ireland) performed the songs and tributes to Sept. 11. Couldn't the committee find an American group or singer to do this? Not that U2 and McCartney did a bad job, I thought the opening and the halftime show were wonderful, but in a year when the United States is rallying together, wouldn't it have been appropriate to have an American sing about America? Then again, it is a nice gesture to see how people from other countries are offering their support, but in a time of war, Americans like to honor other Americans.

Overall, Super Bowl XXXVI was a great occasion and lived up to all of my expectations. The game was thrilling and the entertainers and commercials were enjoyable. The only thing that could make next year's Super Bowl better is to watch the Browns carry off the trophy at the end of the game.

Hockey club becomes official organization on campus

By Amy Bridge
STAFF WRITER

The hockey club kicked off its first official season as a college-sanctioned club with 15 active members and an undefeated record.

The idea for the hockey club was initiated last year by President Mike Newland, Vice President Shawn Mort, Treasurer Ryan Mensch, and junior Todd Lepovsky. "Mainly last year we just had meetings to see what the interest level was here on campus. But this year is the first official year for the Westminster Ice Hockey Club team," Newland said.

The club is co-ed, and open to any interested student, regardless of past hockey experience. The only requirement to play is full equipment approved by U.S.A. Hockey. The club holds weekly practices at Hess Ice Arena on Saturdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

The team competes against a local adult league. In late spring, the club members plan to join a spring league to compete against other local teams. The team plans to join the Western Pennsylvania College Hockey Association, which will allow them to play developed college teams such as California State University, Edinboro, Slippery Rock and Allegheny. "It will be very competitive, but with the talent we have on this team, we will be very strong and successful," Mort said.

"The main objective this year is to form our team and grow as a hockey team together. We are a relatively young team, besides our two star senior players James Shevchuk and Mike Morris, who we unfortunately will be losing at the end of this semester," Mort said.

The Hockey Club is coached by Skip Mackall, who works at Hess Ice Arena. He has been pushing for a hockey team from the college for years. "Skip has been a great help for the entire team," Newland said. "He has a very positive attitude in pushing us in the right direction, I really feel we would not have been able to do it without his help and cooperation."

Ski club kicks off season with trip to Holiday Valley

Contributed photo
Dave Field and Rodolfo Sant'Anna hit the slopes.

By Dave Field
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster Ski Club embarked on its first trip to Holiday Valley Ski Resort on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Students, faculty or staff are welcome to join the club with a $6 fee per person. Membership and the transportation costs are included in the fee. Ski equipment or lift tickets are not included.

Three students head the ski club; President David Field, Vice President Lydia Humenycky and Treasurer Rodolfo Sant'Anna. The adviser of the ski club is the chair of the chemistry department, Timothy Wooster.

The club has two more trips scheduled for this spring for Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. The Feb. 16 trip will be to Seven Springs Ski Resort and the Feb. 23 trip will be to Holiday Valley Ski Resort.

Humenycky explains her feelings about the organization.

"Ski Club has to be one of the best organizations on campus! The atmosphere is so laid back, you get to have fun away from Westminster, and you can hang out with people you never met before and your friends," she said.

Sophomore Isaac Ludwig gives a ski club member perspective.

"I really like the ski club. I went on two trips to Holiday Valley last year and had an awesome time," Ludwig said. "It's really a great way to get away from here and do something fun and different."

While the weather might deter some people from hitting the slopes, Sant'Anna said people ski while it's warm.

"It seems like the weather this year is not looking as dramatically cold as the last couple of years, which makes people think that the mountains are not covered with snow, quite the opposite," Sant'Anna said. "Students should really take advantage of this kind of weather to ski in."

This Week in Sports

Saturday, 2/9/02
ITF at Slippery Rock Relays - 10 a.m.
WBB VS. THIEL* - 1 p.m.
MBB VS. THIEL* - 3 p.m.

Monday, 2/11/02
WBB VS. MOUNT UNION - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/13/02
WBB at Grove City* - 6 p.m.
MBB at Grove City* - 8 p.m.

* - President's Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

Reino earns scholar-athlete status

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Men's soccer standout Pasquale Reino has been honored as an NSCAA/Adidas All-East Region Scholar-Athlete for the 2001 season. Reino was one of 33 players to earn Honorable Mention status. The awards are presented by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

The NSCAA/Adidas All-East Region Scholar-Athlete teams honor men's soccer players at all division levels who are at least a junior in academic standing, possess a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and start over 50 percent of their team's games while being a significant contributor. The squad features 11 players on both the first and second teams, as well as the 33 honorable mention selections. The 11 first team honorees are eligible for the NSCAA/adidas National Scholar-Athlete team.

Reino, a junior forward, appeared in 19 games with 14 starts for the 14-5-1 Titans in 2001, as the team tied the program record for wins in a season. He tallied eight goals and eight assists for 24 points this season, leading the squad in assists while ranking second on the team in both points and goals. In addition to his athletic prowess, Reino possesses a 3.56 cumulative grade-point average, majoring in chemistry.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why do the art gallery doors have to be locked in the early evening?"

"Bring back the soft pretzels in the TUB."

"I don't like that the Career Center has moved to Eichenauer. I feel like a need an escort to get there."

"The new track is beautiful."

"Don't talk about people in front of them and think they don't know."

"What good are parking tickets when they only go on my parents' bill?"

"Why do the food service people get so many parking spots? Do that many people work in the cafeteria?"

"Periogies on Monday make me happy."

"Titan Traverse is awesome."

"Good luck to the symphonic band ... go brass!"

"The computer labs should open when the schedule says they will open, not 45 minutes later when security finally shows up."

"I wish the school offered a car-washing service."

"Thursday nights in the cafeteria rock. Stuffed shells, ham and cheese, General Tso's, yeah!"

"Ninjas rule!"

"I'm really impressed with those help desk people."

"Every week should be meatball sub week."

"I think everyone should buy a hampster."

"Good luck to the indoor track team this weekend."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Romance vs. liberation

Valentine's Day is less than a week away. Do you have a date? Have you made your dinner reservations? Do you plan to wear black and boycott the holiday altogether?

Whatever way you decide to celebrate this holiday of love, there is one thing for certain, dating is on the mind of almost everyone on campus.

With the Valentine's Day date comes planning and with planning comes the modern date dilemma:

Who pays for the meal?

Should the guy still open the door for the girl?

Should he bring roses?

Should the girl bring a present?

In the past there were rules for dating that everyone followed. The guy picked up the girl, brought her flowers, opened the door for her and paid for everything. The night would end with a hug or a good-night kiss, but we must remember that if a girl should kiss on the first date she might be labeled "easy."

Thankfully, we don't live in this era anymore. It is acceptable for anyone to pay, anyone to drive. Roles have been reversed with women's liberation, but has women's liberation caused the death of romance?

In some ways it has.

While the old way of dating put a lot of pressure on the guy (he wouldn't even think of going on a date without bringing his wallet), the new way of dating is sometimes less exciting for girls. A girl doesn't always want to split the cost of a meal or open her own doors. It goes along with the fantasy of a man putting his coat down over a puddle so the woman doesn't get her shoes wet. It goes along with chivalry.

The problem men run into is that they never know which reaction they are going to get from a girl. She'll either want romance or be adamantly independent.

The problem men run into is that they never know which reaction they are going to get from a girl. She'll either want romance or be adamantly independent. This leaves men stuck between a rock and hard place.

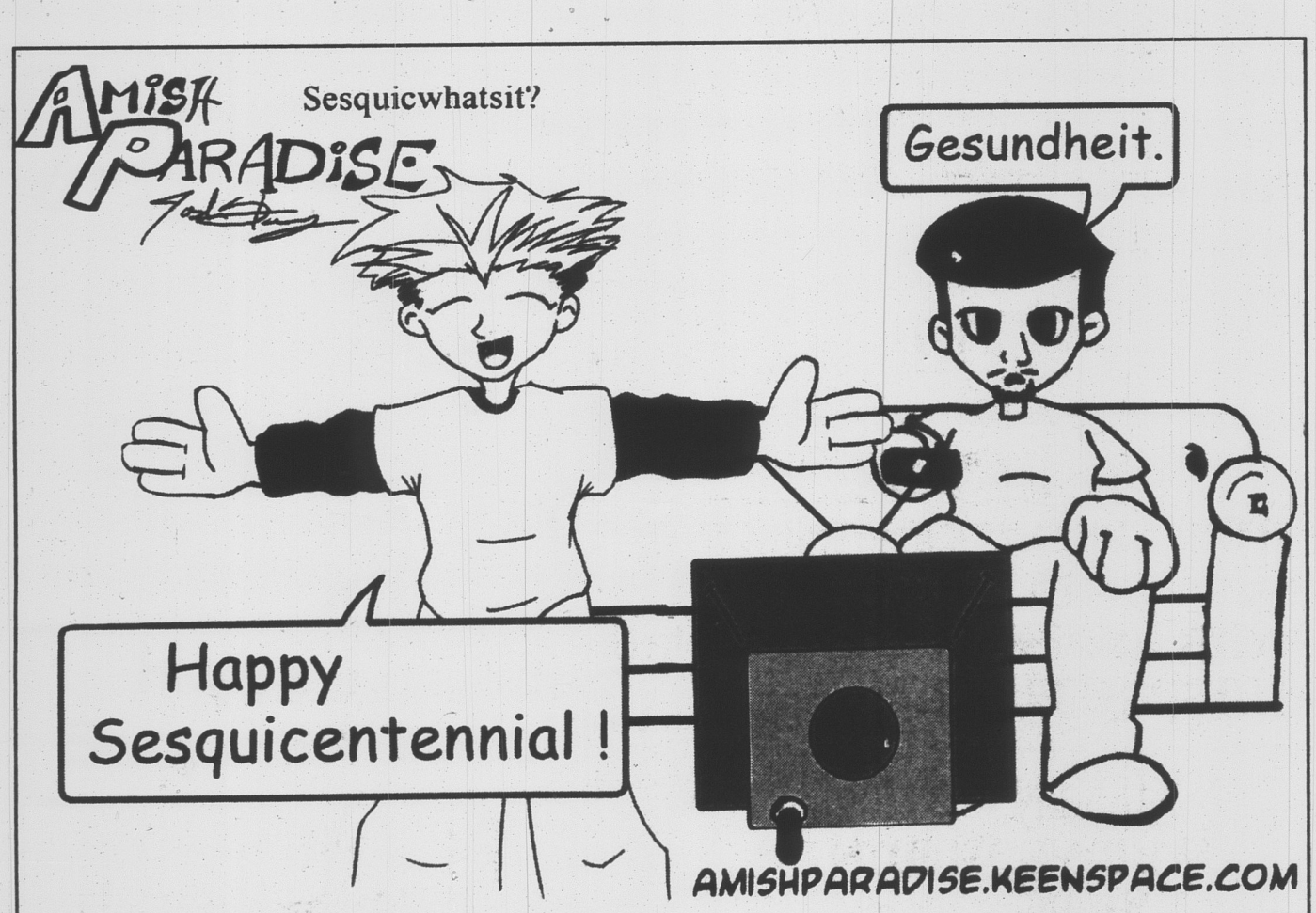
The best advice we can come up with is for men to make sure to romance the woman every once in a while, and if you can't afford it often, make it big and less frequent.

Although most couples as they date forget about the money issue and split everything, a first date should be paid for by the person who does the asking.

Women's liberation may have done a number on romance, but it's still out there. Remember to go the extra mile to do something nice for your date. Take walks on the beach (at least around the lake). Cook each other dinner.

This year on Valentine's Day we suggest a nice dinner for two at one of the restaurants in the surrounding area. On pages eight and nine we have compiled critiques on some of the restaurants. We of course couldn't get to them all, but a good rule of thumb would be to expect to spend at least $50.

For the poorer college student, there's always making each other cards or presents. Things made especially with the other in mind can often be the most romantic.



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Guest editorial: Reporters necessary in war zone

Staff Editorial
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The arrests Tuesday of three men believed to be connected to the kidnapping of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl gives us great hope that he may soon be found.

A group calling itself the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty has claimed responsibility for his abduction. Among other demands, the kidnappers have called for the return of Pakistani nationals who were detained by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The group has also called for the release of the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan and the departure of American journalists from Pakistan. The Bush administration has rightly refused to negotiate with the kidnappers or accede to their demands.

The kidnapping of journalists is a well-known, if uncommon, terrorist tactic. But like all terrorism, kidnapping hurts the cause of those employing it more than it helps. The group holding Pearl should realize that the best way to get out its message — and its grievances with America — is not to capture journalists but to talk to them.

Reporters are essential in war zones to inform the public at home about the progress of the conflict and allow citizens to understand the actions that their government is taking on the other side of the world. In addition to the invaluable service that journalists provide to their readers, they put their lives on the line in order to talk to people on all sides of a conflict, even those who embrace terrorism. They try to give the full picture of a conflict in a way an official government update cannot. Dealing with dangerous people is part of the job, and Pearl certainly knew as much when he arranged for an interview with Sheik Mubarak Ali Shah Gilani, who leads a Pakistani Muslim group. The interview apparently was the trap that the terrorists used to lure in Pearl.

We urge other news agencies not to give in to the demands of the kidnappers by withdrawing their reporters from Pakistan. To do so would undermine the ability of news organizations to provide crucial information to the public on the continuing struggle in Pakistan between the government and militant Islamic groups. But even more, it would give extremists a victory in their attempt to intimidate America. Journalists are not legitimate targets because they do not have any control over American policy and are not backed by the U.S. government in any way. We agree wholeheartedly with the Associated Press Managing Editors, who have called for Pearl's immediate release and have denounced the targeting of journalists by militant groups for any reason.

We extend our thanks to those in the Muslim world who have called for Pearl's release. The Pakistani police have named members of Islamic militant groups as the primary suspects, and we are heartened by the news of Tuesday's arrests. We hope that the voices of moderate Muslim clerics sway Pearl's captors to release him. The Pakistani police have been working feverishly on this case, but have so far reported little success. We hope the United States uses every intelligence capability at its disposal to aid the Pakistanis in their efforts to find and rescue him.

American soldiers are courageously fighting terrorism abroad, and American journalists are diligently working to inform the nation's citizens. Their jobs are different, but they are both crucial. Daniel Pearl has been lost in the line of duty, and we fervently hope that he is rescued as soon as possible.

Guest Editorial: Anti-drug commercials full of half-truths

By Jason Cox
Sidelines (Middle Tennessee State U.)

(U-WIRE) MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — If you, like most of the country, watched the Super Bowl on Sunday, I doubt you've yet shaken the images of the "My Anti-Drug commercials."

These went beyond people sharing personal experiences about what their 'anti-drug' is, be it football, friends, a sibling or various other motivators.

The advertisements declared that, if you purchase or use drugs, you may be supporting terrorism.

The adolescents in the commercial seemed shocked. All of a sudden, their drug use contradicts their newfound patriotism.

You may be wondering what a dime sack has to do with terrorism. The truth is, it doesn't have anything to do with it.

By using the generic term 'drugs,' it leaves wide room for interpretation.

What they might have said (if they were interested in dispensing factual information) is "if you purchase cocaine, crack or heroin, there's a small chance that what you have bought was grown within the borders of a nation that either condones or supports terrorism."

Even with these drugs, it's more likely that someone in Smyrna is benefiting than Osama bin Laden or any terrorist you should be concerned with.

Afghanistan has had a long tradition of growing much of the world's heroin. When the Taliban took over, they took great steps to eliminate the trade. Their effort was partially financed by the United States.

As do many organizations trying to do the 'right' thing, the anti-drug people have taken a sliver of truth and expanded it to laughable proportions.

If we continue to fill the minds of youth with half-truths and outright lies, drug abuse is going to continue in the pattern that it has.

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Dell and Domske go to the movies

Black Hawk Down

Tyler Domske

I believe we last left as I was suggesting a little film called *Black Hawk Down*, and lamenting my lack of space to elaborate. Well, my friends, fret no longer. I have returned with all the pomp and circumstance of a conquering Caesar returning from war, with a review of *Black Hawk Down* clenched in my fist. That said, let the reviewing begin.

Black Hawk Down is the true story of a 1993 incident in Somalia involving U.S. Rangers, Delta units and local Somali militia. The U.S. troops are stationed in Somalia to take down the tyrannical government allowing its people to starve. The film follows the U.S. soldiers' attempt to capture several leaders of the Somali government, which turns horribly sour as one injured soldier leads to the downing of two U.S. Black Hawks (hence the title) and the massive rescue attempt to get the men out of hostile territory.

This is one of the most exhilarating action movies I have seen in some time, but it has a hard time rising above much more than an action film. This is quite understandable once you realize that the movie is produced by Yber-producer Jerry Brockheimer (who brought us such craptacular faire as *Armageddon, Pearl Harbor* and *Con Air*). He is king of the overpriced "boom-boom-kablamo!" movies that seep out around Christmas and Independence Day.

The movie does gain a good amount of class by having Brockheimer's usual cohort Michael "Don't Wanna Miss A Thing" Bay sit this one out, with Ridley Scott taking the wheel. Scott wowed us with Alien and Blade Runner, impressed us less with *Gladiator*, and made us say "Eh," and sigh in a frustrated manner with *Hannibal*. Here he is back, more subtle than his recent films, allowing the action to hold you in suspense, but without grabbing your face with ridiculous explosions.

What keeps the movie from transcending the action movie status is that it merely presents the action without much commentary at all. The daunting battle scenes, which last for what seems like an hour and a half without coming up for air, are very reminiscent of the opening 30 minutes of *Saving Private Ryan*, presenting the battle field as a chaotic labyrinth from which escape seems always out of reach. After the break in the action, there is even a scene where a U.S. soldier is captured and questioned about America's intentions in a way nearly identical to a scene in the Gulf War movie, *Three Kings*.

In a twist of irony, the movie's stars are some of the best American soldiers ever to come out of the United Kingdom (apparently none of the American actors were convincing enough). Scottish actor Ewan McGreggor shines in a role that's completely too small for him, as does his Trainspotting mate Scottish actor Ewan Bremmer. Other foreign yanks include Jason Issacs, best known as the British baddie in *The Patriot*, Ridley Scott, and even Legolas himself, Orlando Bloom, trading the golden locks and archer's quiver for some G.I. fatigues. Rounding out the cast in a figurative sense only, is Josh Hartnett, this generation's answer to Keanu Reeves. The resemblance is so uncanny, I half expected him to turn blankly to the screen and say "Whoa!" at any given moment.

When all is said and done, *Black Hawk Down* is a powerful movie with some amazing visuals in it, but really doesn't say as much as it should. In this time of heightened patriotism and Britney Spears Pepsi commercials, the movie serves as a true testament to the men who bravely fight in our armed services, but does little to comment on the actual act of war itself. It is merely an action movie with some provoking, albeit underdeveloped, flashes.

Worth: Full Price, as long as you've already seen *Lord of the Rings* two or three times.

Grade: B

The Royal Tanenbaums

Brad Dell

I had a truly "royal" time this weekend as my critical pen, pad and psyche graced Regal cinemas in Boardman to check out *The Royal Tanenbaums*.

Gene Hackman (who tied with Billy Bob Thorton as the most prolific actor of 2001) plays Royal Tanenbaum, the patriarch atop this family tree of anti-Kennedy style misfits. Royal and his wife Etheline (Ethyl) Tanenbaum have spawned a collection of eccentric child prodigies - the entrepreneur Chas (played by the intensely neurotic Ben Stiller), the adopted play-writing sister Margot (played by a dark, subdued and downright dismal Gwyneth Paltrow), and Richie "Baumer" Tanenbaum (a dreamy, scruffy Luke Wilson).

We first see the siblings as children --famous after Ethyl writes a book about mothering a family of prodigies. Twenty-five years quickly pass. Ethyl and Royal have long since divorced. The children have passed the prime of their genius and are quickly crashing. And at this point the story begins, as Royal fakes a life-threatening illness in order to pierce the façade of his estranged family once again. From Chas's rejection to Richie's sexual attraction to Margot, Royal goes through many pains, silly antics and numerous cheeseburgers to get this family back to some semblance of their mixed up brand of order. The ending is a happy one, but the ride there is a grudge match.

Hackman leads this hip group of character actors through so many loops that Barnum and Baily would be proud. I've heard that director Wes Anderson wrote this leading role for Hackman, and it's clear why. As you're watching this clever film, it's clear that without his mature, witty and experienced charm, this film would be heading on a one-way trip to squaresville. The rest of the cast feeds from Hackman's zany, frenzied presence and fill out this flick with mega-good vibes.

With *The Royal Tanenbaums*, director Wes Anderson continues to offer us glimpses into his own peculiarly wacky world. He paces this film like a turtle doing a striptease. I could feel the butter of my popcorn seeping through the bag onto my pants ounce by miniscule ounce. But I ignored this frightening fact to focus on the cinematic striptease on the screen, as these memorizing, inspiring freaks slowly but steadily stripped away their screwball façades to finally reveal themselves. Anderson adds to this B-level burlesque quality by creating a visual world that is at once "Mama's Family," and at the same time *American Beauty*. With one costume per character, and scenes occurring inside small closets filled with board games, Anderson presses the limits of creative film-making in order further enhance the warped lifestyles of these characters. His efforts are spectacularly yet delicately successful.

I end this review with a warning: this is not a movie for everyone. But those of you with good taste will love it. Let me put it to you this way ... if you enjoy NFL commentators as much as NFL games, go see this movie. If you can spend three hours in Barnes and Noble without buying anything, see this movie. If you liked *Shakespeare in Love* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* better than *Saving Private Ryan* and *Gladiator* ... go see this movie. But if *Pearl Harbor* and *Hardball* were your favorite flicks of 2001, stay at home, turn on "Friends," and wallow in your preppy, mainstream delights. I give this film an artful, misshapen 3 stars.

***Brad's Oscar Buzz: I hope to offer you a few Oscar predictions from now until the big night on March 24. With the nomination announcements only five days away, here are a few of Brad's sure bets for nominations. Best Picture: *Lord of the Rings, A Beautiful Mind, Moulin Rouge.* Best Actor: Russell Crowe, Denzel Washington, Sean Penn. Best Actress: Sissy Spacek, Halle Berry, Nicole Kidman. Best Director: Ron Howard, Peter Jackson, Baz Luhrmann. A few riskier picks; Look for *In the Bedroom* for Best Picture, Naomi Watts for Best Actress, Ethan Hawke for Best Supporting Actor, and Kevin Kline for Best Actor.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame offers various exhibits

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Are you feeling the need for a road trip? Well, you'll need some great music for the trip—how about rock and roll? Actually, why not make that road trip to The Rock And Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio. It's only an hour and half away from campus, but the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame will take you years away to the days when rock 'n roll was new, rebellious, and fun.

With a wide variety of exhibits and feature films, the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame offers every opportunity to enjoy your favorite rock musicians. As soon as you arrive, you can hit the ground floor to see the "Jimi Hendrix Exhibit," which includes videos, interactive kiosks, family photos, original drawings, guitars, costumes, lyrics and other artifacts.

One of my favorite items is the retro orange couch on which Jimi would sit and play guitar at home as a child. You also get to enjoy the Jimi Hendrix Theater, a surround-sound theater showing a 15 minute program that includes re-edited and re-mastered footage from Jimi Hendrix: Live at the Isle of Wight.

Following this overwhelming experience, you can stroll through "The Roots of Rock And Roll Exhibit" to see artifacts from rock 'n roll's roots in gospel, blues, R&B and soul, country, folk and bluegrass. Along with this exhibit, you'll have to see "Rave On: Rock and Roll's Early Years," which celebrates Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Lieber and Stoller, Little Richard, and other rock and roll originators.

Next, you can explore the "Legends of Rock" exhibit featuring artifacts from artists like the Who, Led Zeppelin, Parliament-Funkadelic and ZZ Top. Mystery Train and Kick Out the Jams is a two-part film covering rock and roll's roots and birth in the 50s, explosion in the 60s, and evolution into the present. Among other exhibits on the ground floor, you can also see special displays for Sun and Atlantic records, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and Jim Morrison. Trust me, you'll enjoy seeing George Harrison's first acoustic guitar and Jim Morrison's homemade cards for his parents.

The "Memphis Recording Service" on the second floor features the original equipment from Sun Records. "Respect the Sound of Soul" honors James Brown, Steve Cropper, Al Green, the Impressions, Otis Redding, and others. Interactive exhibits on this floor include "Rock and the Radio" and "Rock and the Movies."

The actual hall of fame on the third floor consists of a 45-minute multimedia production featuring film footage, music interviews, animation and photography to show you the lives of the inductees.

The featured exhibit on floors four, five, and six is called "Lennon: His Life and Work" and it coincides with the 60th anniversary of John Lennon's birth (Oct. 9, 1940) and the 20th anniversary of his death (Dec. 8, 1980). Yoko Ono donated most of the artifacts including wardrobe pieces, more than 25 of John's handwritten lyric manuscripts, and original paintings, drawings and collages. It's exciting to see some of John's report cards and musical instruments as well. You can also see the Imagine documentary, a beautiful testament to the truly creative life of John Lennon.

"The Lennon exhibit is amazing. You walk up the stairs, and suddenly everything seems so tranquil. It's a beautiful experience," said junior Ann-Marie Vazzano, who accompanied me on the trip.

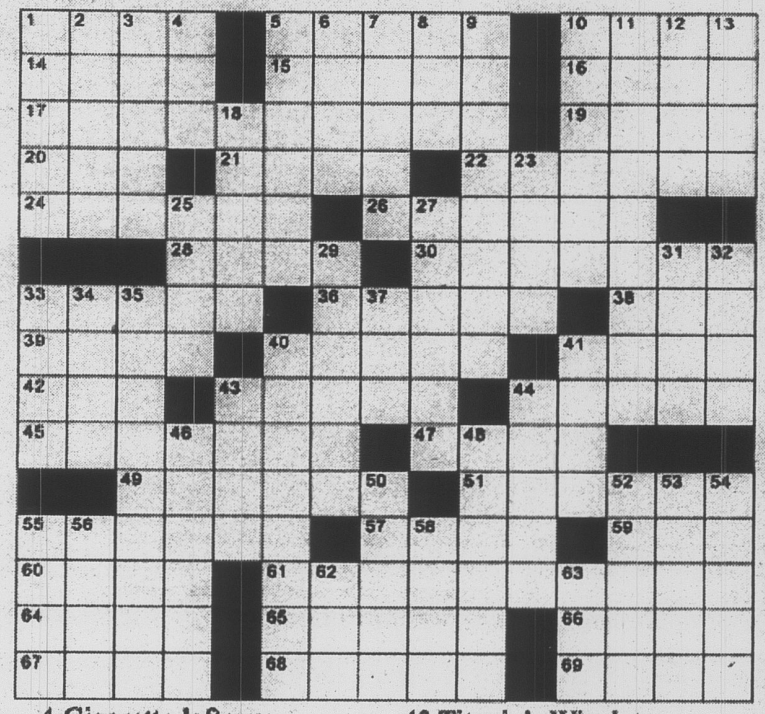
For a while, we lingered near a white phone that Yoko Ono calls occasionally. If you pick it up, you get to chat with her. We were hoping to ask her whether John really was the Walrus or not.

Everyone should see the Rock And Roll Hall of Fame. For more information, log onto www.rockhall.com. The Rock And Roll Hall of Fame and Museum is located at One Key Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. The price per person is $15 for adults and $11.50 for seniors and children. Children under 8 years of age can go for free. Group rates and school rates are available; please call 216-515-1228 for more information.

Weekly Crossword

Presidential Resumes

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

• • • *Charles De Gaule*

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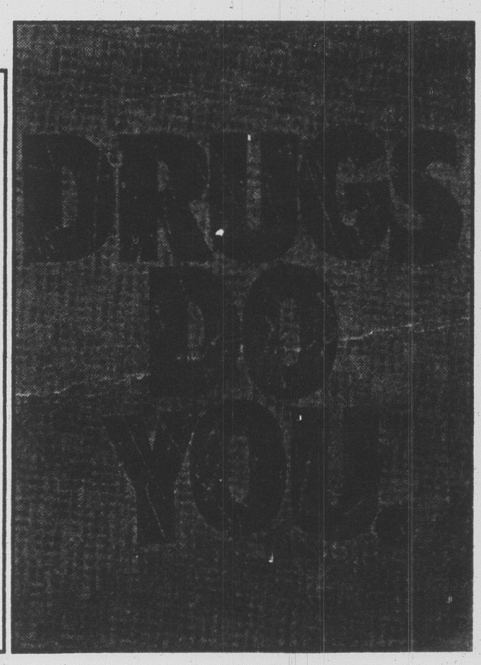


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You will be challenged to put forth your very best, so keep any rebellious thoughts to yourself. Make sure you are sensitive to other people's feelings.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)
Guard against any undue stress. Someone or something has hit just the right button and drained your energy. Remember that actions will always speak louder than words.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)
Make time to stay home and rest, tension from all sides may be stressing you out. Your fresh, new ideas in the workplace will be received very favorably. Conditions are excellent for rapid progress at work.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)
There may be heavy demands on you, so try to stick to routine and all will go well. If you have been clinging to either a child or lover, you need to let go a little, they need more space now.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)
Your mind is usually quick and perceptive. You will no doubt captivate others with your wit and wisdom. Authorities at work are interested in hearing your opinions, and the ability to see the big picture will be greatly appreciated.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)
If you can grasp an opportunity to better yourself financially, don't pass it up, the effort is worth it. Your understanding of the needs of both men and women helps you mediate gender-based disputes.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)
Heavy demands are made on your time and energy. Disputes with family members can be resolved through thoughtful discussions. Any business meetings will also be productive.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)
Your keen memory and problem-solving abilities will help you to impress your bosses. It's reality check time for you, with memories and intuition playing major roles in your actions for the next few months.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)
It may be time to step back from current projects to think things out, to give you a better perspective on long-term career strategies. It's a good time to share bright ideas with receptive colleagues. There seems to be an old adversary back on the scene, be cautious and patient.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)
It will be a challenging week, and you are assertive in getting your ideas across. A friend will no doubt welcome your help, and may be either combative or irrational, so be patient with them. But there will also be a limit to patience, so know when to say enough is enough.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)
Your health is in question during the week. Be reassured that there is nothing wrong with you that more rest and less stress won't cure. Take extra time for your mate, and have a long and loving talk with a loved one.

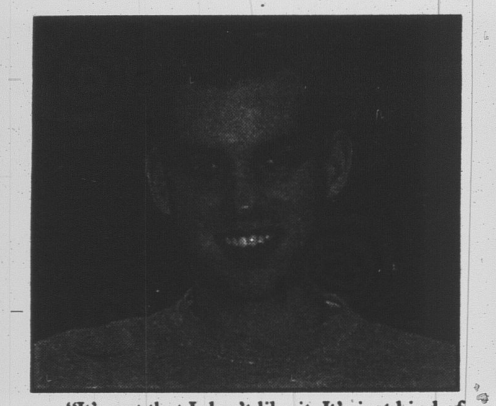
PISCES: (February 20-March 20)
You may need to talk your ideas out. Nobody will mind though, because what you have to say is fascinating. The work week will start out with opportunities for monetary gain.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are highly attuned to your own emotions and those of others. When in love, you merge with your lover with all your heart, mind and soul. Your friends know you will be the first to join their celebrations, and the last to leave when trouble strikes.

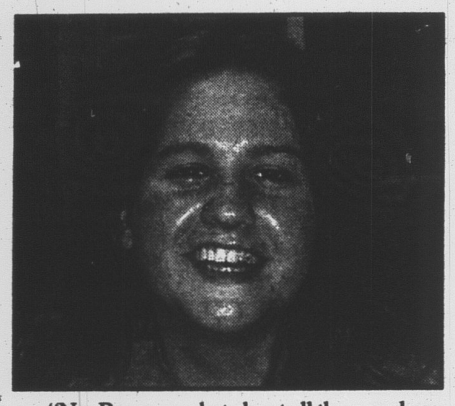
FEATURE

Question of the week: V-day valid?

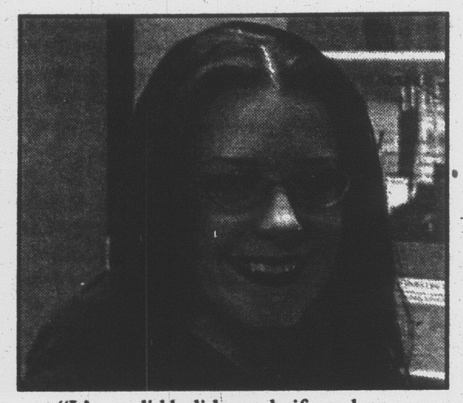
Do you think Valentine's Day is a valid holiday? Why or why not?



"It's not that I don't like it. It's just kind of a useless holiday." – ***Ryan Toy, junior***



"No. Because what about all the poor lonely single souls who don't have anyone to share the blessed day with." – ***Glynnis Armagost, junior***



"It's a valid holiday only if you have a reason to celebrate. Otherwise, it's a disappointment." – ***Sara Kimbell, sophomore***

"No. I don't consider a Hallmark holiday valid because it's made by candy and card companies. I do think it is a good idea, though. It should, however, be celebrated every day. It's more special to get roses on a day that's not Valentine's Day." – ***Gwen Kennedy, junior***

"I think it is a valid holiday because there is that Valentine's Day guy. I think. I saw a cartoon with Mr. Valentine and Bugs Bunny once." – ***Marla Smith, senior***

"I think kids enjoy it and I like getting flowers from my husband. But I don't think it should be an official holiday. It's just a money-maker." – ***Peggy Flynn, Secretary of the Music Dept.***

"Yes, because it encourages a greater sense of humanity among us. It causes us to reconsider and enhance our relationships." – ***Dr. Sharkey, Professor of History***

"No. It's just an excuse to buy stuff. It's just a money-maker. That's no excuse … it just is." – ***Sean Reed, senior***

"Valentine's Day is great." – ***Jeff Wonstonecraft, junior***

"Valentine's Day is a holiday if you base it on that Roman Festival they had for it." – ***Ted Merklin, junior***

Graney retires from the business office

By Jessica Vituccio and Lydia Humenycky
STAFF WRITERS

After 14 years of service to the college, Pat Graney retired from the Business Office on Dec. 31, 2001.

Graney was the head cashier at the Business Office and had an assistant cashier to help her when needed. Since Graney's retirement, the assistant cashier, Diane Ubry, was moved into her place as head cashier and a new assistant, Lisa Bromely, was hired.

Graney began working at the college in August of 1987, after working at First National Bank (now Sky Bank), located in New Wilmington. She learned about the job through some friends. "I just heard about it though a friendship with the business manager and then controller," Graney said.

Graney officially began her career as a bookkeeper at age 10. She kept a record of the accounts at her father's store. Based on that experience, she decided she wanted to pursue a career that focused on bookkeeping. She decided to take classes as often as she could, including some classes from the college.

Her friends at the college were sad to see her go. "Pat was one of the most knowledgeable people about Westminster and the way all the components functioned together, I will miss her," Beth Brooks, secretary for student affairs, said.

Graney will also miss the students and her co-workers at the business office. "The business office is a very close office, the people I work with are not co-workers, they were friends and still are friends. We have very strong ties, we will definitely keep in touch," Graney said.

Pat Morris, the Perkins Loan Coordinator and fellow Business Office employee, was sad to see her leave. "We just all depended on her," Morris said. Morris and Graney worked together in the Business Office for eight years.

Even though she no longer works here, Graney said she will keep busy with many different activities. She plans to help her husband with his small business by keeping the financial records. "I've done his books for the past six years and I will continue to do them," Graney said.

Graney also said she looks forward to spending time with her family and grandchildren. Graney has six children and many grandchildren. She also said she hopes to have more time for her hobbies including quilting.

Lani vs. WC 7:40 classes

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

I guess I should have written about Valentine's Day, but I do not celebrate Hallmark holidays. Maybe I'm bitter. Instead...

Everyone on campus, unless they are among the lucky, has had the privilege of taking a 7:40 a.m. class. I took one my freshman year - speech with a Dr. McBride. I don't think she is here anymore. However, following my freshman year, I vowed to never again make myself endure class at such an ungodly time in the morning ... and I stuck with it until now, my senior year.

How did it happen? We won't get into that, but let us just say that I need the class in order to graduate. Although, I must admit, my experience with a 7:40 my freshman year was much different, and now it is oddly better.

Speech at 7:40 in the morning was interesting. Because I was not used to getting up so early and I had yet to discover the wonderful world of coffee, staying alert in class was problematic. In fact, I would not have any idea where I was or what I was doing until my 9:20 class.

Maybe some of you can get away with this, but try to make it through a speech class that requires getting up in front of the class.

Luckily, most of the people in my class were probably not paying any attention to me anyway because they were still asleep as well.

Needless to say, I got through it. So now, I have another 7:40 class. Like I said before, my habits have changed a bit since my freshman year. I drink coffee and I have discovered a morning routine. For instance, I enjoy sitting quietly and drinking my coffee while watching CNN. In order to do this, I have to get up at least an hour before class - enough time to wake myself up.

I also have this strange obsession with punctuality - I cannot be late, ever. If you've had class with me, you know I'm one of the first people to walk in the room. Crazy? No, just anal. This is another way to beat the 7:40. If you make yourself get to class early enough, you have time to adjust to your surroundings in class.

Also, if I'm feeling especially sleepy on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I'll make sure to eat right before class starts.

However, my best advice would be to just simply avoid the 7:40 class. Chances are, your professor doesn't like them much either.

Student Government Association: Team projects

By Molly Dyke
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The official executive slates were announced during this week's SGA meeting. Two slates are running for election this year. The elected slate will take office in late March.

Slate Gashel consists of Jared Gashel for president, Amanda Kengersky for vice president, Courtney Henry for secretary, Jeanna Kovacs for treasurer, and Jessica Young, Ian Durham, Matthew Pournaras, Hillary Gustafson and Stefanie Maccaglia as executive committee chairs.

Slate Nave consists of Christopher Nave for president, Christine Atkins for vice president, Michael Crochunis for secretary, Julie Lechner for treasurer, and Michael Davia, Ericka Hink, Andrew Houston, Carolee Reed and Christina Waszczak as executive committee chairs.

SGA has established a timeline for the upcoming elections. The debate will be held on Feb. 20. The actual elections will take place via email and secret ballot on Feb. 27 and 28.

The senate voted on allocation of funds to the ski club. SGA allocated $170 to help cover the increased cost of transportation.

The senate also elected present senators to serve on three campus committees. These committees are the curriculum development committee, the curriculum operations committee and the instructional resources council. The senate will be opening one spot on the instructional resources council to the campus.

Finally, team project groups met and discussed their progress and plans for this semester. There are four teams. Team A is working on plans for picnic tables and possibly for a gazebo near Lake Brittain. Team B has been focusing on sesquicentennial events. Team C is working out the plans for another SGA promotion day this semester. Team D is working on Fitness Center improvements.

The legend of Valentine's Day: Day of love or day of death?

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Women see it as a day to get flowers. Men either dread it or forget about it. A fat baby shoots people with arrows. But where did Valentine's Day come from and why do we celebrate it?

A lot of stories exist about the origins of Valentine's Day, all with one common consistency: inconsistency. With the lack of historical evidence, the only sure thing about the legend of St. Valentine is that it is exactly that, a legend.

The most widely accepted story about St. Valentine and how we came to celebrate his day contains both Christian and Roman tradition. During the time of the ancient Roman Empire, Feb. 14 was a holiday to honor the Queen of the goddesses and gods, Juno, who was also the goddess of women and marriage.

The Roman boys and girls would celebrate this holiday by writing down the names of every girl and placing them in a jar. Each young man would pull out a name of a girl and this girl would be the boy's partner for the festival. Often times, these couples would fall in love and eventually be married.

Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than married men, so he outlawed marriages for young men. Valentine, a Roman priest, saw the injustice in this law, and continued to marry couples in secret.

When Claudius discovered this, he imprisoned Valentine. While in jail, Valentine was often visited by an admiring female. In his final note to her before his execution on Feb. 14, he wrote, "From your Valentine," a phrase we all copied to sign our cards in elementary school before we put them in aluminum foil mailboxes.

Another more recent Valentine's Day story comes from Chicago. On Valentine's Day 1929, the bootlegging wars between gangs were raging. That morning, a group of seven men waited in a warehouse for a truck filled with whiskey to arrive. The men were part of Bugs Moran's gang.

While they waited inside for the truck and for Moran, a police car pulled up outside. Moran arrived seconds later, saw the police car, and quickly sped away unnoticed. Five men emerged from the police car, all dressed in police uniforms, and entered the warehouse. They entered the warehouse and ordered the seven men against the wall. The five "officers" then opened fire on Moran's men, killing all seven. This became known as "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

Moran was quick to blame rival gang leader Al Capone for the hits. Authorities, however, were not as sure. Capone had been in Florida at the time of the killing and told the press, "The only man who kills like that is Bugs Moran." Earlier that day, Moran had told the press in Chicago, "Only Capone kills guys like that." Moran was right.

So there you have it, two Valentine's Day stories, both resulting in ... death. So if you find yourself shelling out big bucks for a Valentine's dinner, or sitting at home waiting for the stupid phone to ring, think about Bugs Moran's guys and consider yourself lucky.

Sigma Kappa welcomes its newest members!!!

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Amy Caliguiri
Elissa Curtis
Nichole Danner
Tara Danielson
Jill Dobi
Leah Ehrhardt
Tiffany Gardiner
Elizabeth Grepp
Kali Hignett
Billie Nicholson
Amanda Ries
Michelle Ripper
Jen Rowe
Tiffanie Scilla
Rachel Smith
Tara Timpano
Emily Wehr
Devi Wintrode

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION is accepting nominations for new members. Members of the association assist with events coordinated through the alumni, development, advancement, and president's offices. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with alumni and friends of the College. If you know of students who would serve as active members and enjoy and appreciate this opportunity to serve as liaisons for Westminster, please send their nominations to Jenna Chesky at cheskyjc@westminster.edu by Feb. 12.

NEWMAN CLUB Carnation Sale Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 6-8 outside the cafeteria. Delivery will be Thursday, Feb. 14.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 319 is selling all varieties of Girl Scout Cookies. For more information, call Lauren Perkins at EXT. 7823.

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) has two types of positions open for the summer: 1) Intern and 2) Lifeguard. The intern position can be classified in one of two ways. Government service internships are typically in accounting, business, fine arts, financial management, humanities, journalism, personnel, public administration, public relations, social sciences and management. Engineering, scientific and technical internships generally include biology, chemistry, environmental science, computer science, computer information systems and math. Pay for these internships is $9.96 per hour, and pay for the lifeguard positions is $9.57 per hour. Positions exist at 57 of the state parks throughout Pennsylvania. Deadline for applications is March 1, and a Civil Service Exam is required. To apply, request a DCNR Internship Program Application from the Bureau of Personnel, 7th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Bldg., P.O. Box 8768, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8768 or stop by the Career Center.

THE ARTS CENTER/OLD FORGE in Old Forge, N.Y. is offering a summer internship for students with training in theatre. This internships begins in late June and continues approximately 40 hours per week until late August, and includes a stipend of $100 per week plus housing. Interns will receive practical training in arts center management and the presenting of performing arts. Interested students should send a resume, a letter of application, and references including telephone numbers before the deadline of March 15 to: Phoebe J. Greene, executive director, Arts Center/Old Forge, P.O. Box 1144, Route 28, Old Forge, NY 13420 or e-mail arts@telenet.net. For more information, call (315) 369-6411 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday or contact the Career Center at EXT. 7338.

MARC USA, a full-service marketing communications agency, has an internship program that provides students the opportunity to work in the industry. While the majority of student selected for the program are advertising, marketing, or graphic design students, they also accept students involved in business-related areas such as pubic relations, communications, research, journalism, or broadcast communication. For more information, call (412) 562-2151 or e-mail cgross@marc-usa.com.

LAWRENCE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT has a community service opportunity for student to do water testing in the local area. Interested persons should contact Jay Russell at (724) 656-1908.

LOVE A TOT DAYCARE is looking for an assistant group supervisor or group supervisor. This full or part-time position is available immediately. Requirements include two years experience with children in either a voluntary or paid position and an equivalent of an associate degree in early childhood or human services. Pay is $5.15 per hour for a probationary period. Applicants are require to have references, clearances, a physical and a TB test. For more information, call (724) 652-2399.

ICI PAINTS IN CLEVELAND has an internship opportunity to design and produce electronic artwork for production sales brochures, public relations materials, operation support tools, external/external communications, and electronic media. Organizational, graphic production skills, and print production skills required. Interested persons should send a resume and a cover letter ICI Paints, Human Resources, Code: 02-0107MB, 925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115 or e-mail careerpaints@ici.com. No phone calls.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT CORPS of Engineers Shenango River Lake in Hermitage is seeking interns for: natural resource management, park ranger, and maintenance positions. The Corps provides interns $5 meal allowance and $.35 per mile up to 70 miles a day travel reimbursement, but interns must provide their own transportation to and from work. It is recommended that interns have current training in CPR and first aid. Interested persons should contact Jeffery Cornelius, resource manager, with questions before the deadline of March 15 at (724) 962-7746 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

NVR, INC. one of the largest home builders and financial service companies in the nation, is offering 12-week paid internships. Internship activities will be concentrated in production supervision, sales, land research, building products, and mortgage services. Dress is generally casual. Deadline to submit a resume is Feb. 22. Interested students should fax a resume with a cover letter to (703) 761-2259 or e-mail to tsmithso@nvrinc.com.

WALT DISNEY WORLD will be at two locations during the month of February. 1) The Community College of Allegheny County-Allegheny Campus Wednesday, Feb. 20. A two-hour presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in Forester Student Service Center Auditorium. For directions to the campus go to www.ccas.edu/about/allegheny/dirall. For more information, call (412) 237-2545 or e-mail ccaresani@ccac.edu. 2) Edinboro University, Monday, Feb. 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. in Cooper Hall. More information is available at www.edinboro.edu. Students must attend the presentation to be eligible to interview, and all interested students must be interviewed. Interested persons are encouraged to apply online at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com.

APREVECHO RESEARCH CENTER in Cottage Grove, Ore. is offering a ten-week intensive internship in sustainable living skills. Starting every March, June and September, small groups of nine to fourteen interns join our 10 staff members for an intensive learning experience. Studies focus on primarily organic gardening, sustainable forestry, alternative/appropriate technologies, and a variety of other sustainable living and indigenous skills. Write for more information to 80574 Hazelton Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or e-mail www.efn.org/~apro or call (541) 942-8198.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY is offering an internship job fair Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 1-4 p.m. at Carnegie Melon University at University Center 2nd floor, Rangos rooms 2 & 3. Between 10 and 14 internships will be available this year at various sites including Allegheny County Municipalities, and Councils of Government and Authorities. Projects may include financial management, urban planning, zoning ordinances, municipal administration, personnel policy development, comprehensive or capital improvements planning, geographic information systems, web page development, or other technology related areas. Interns earn between $8 and $10 per hour. For a copy of student guidelines and a list of projects, see the Career Center or contact Michael Avolio at (412) 237-3175 or e-mail mavolio@lga.ccac.edu.

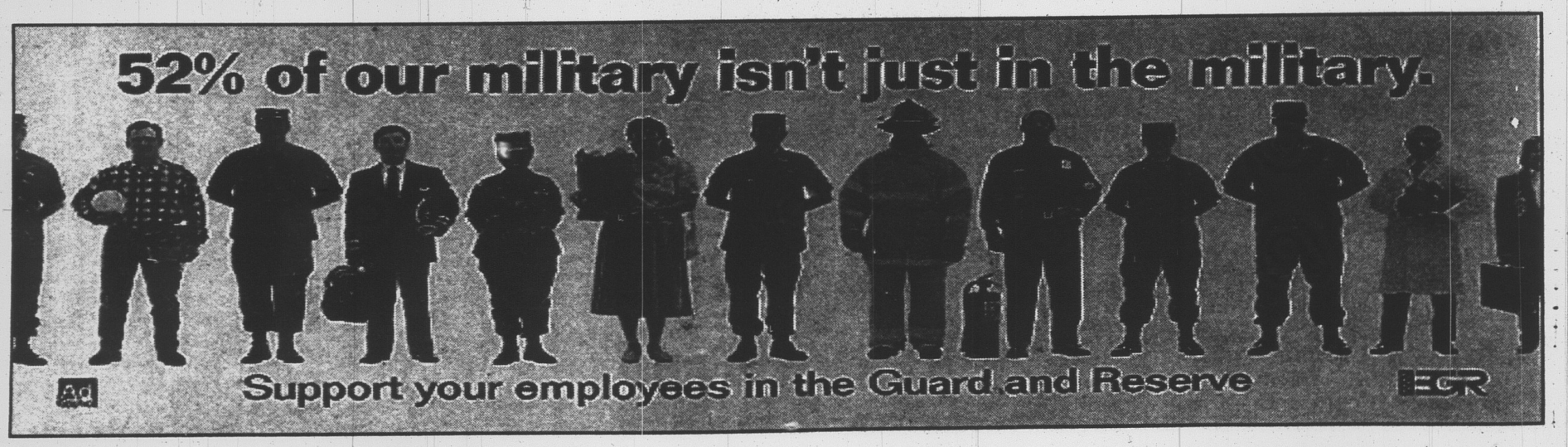
STERLING INTERNATIONAL is offering a summer internship to do field testing of new product designs and formulations to control various species of insects. Science majors are preferred. Students must have their own car and a clean driving record. Pay is $9 per hour. Send cover letter and resume to: Dr. William Hiscox, vice president product development, Sterling International, Inc., 3808 N. Sullivan Rd., Bldg. 16, Spokane, WA 99216. For more information, call 1-800-666-6766 or visit the website www.beneficialinsects.com.

PHILLIPS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT in Ocean City is looking for students interested in living and working at the beach this summer. Positions available include servers, hostesses, bus staff, cooks, buffet cooks, and carry-out staff. This job would include a meal plan and housing within walking distance of the restaurant. For more information, call (410) 289-6821 or go to www.phillipssoc.com or e-mail info@phillipsoc.com.

THE GIRLS' VACATION FUND, Inc., a summer enrichment program for girls from New York City who come from low-income families, has several positions available. The summer facility is located in the Catskill Mountains, and runs from June 15 to Aug. 13. Positions include program coordinator, counselors, office manager, hiking coordinator, ropes course director, and ceramics director. Salaries vary from $1,700 to $2,000, and include room and board. Applicants must be at least 21 and have a driver's license. More information is available at the Career Center. For an application, contact Sarah at (212) 532-7050 or at GVFNYC@aol.com or visit www.girlsvacationfund.com.

OATMEAL STUDIOS are looking for freelance humor writers to send humorous greeting card ideas to them. There are multiple writing positions open, and pay is per piece of copy purchased. Hours are flexible. For more information, write to Oatmeal Studios, P.O. Box 138, Rochester, VT 05767.

IDELWILD PARK is looking for entertainers and lifeguards for the 2002 season. Auditions, including Kennywood, will be at St. Vincent University Tuesday, Feb. 12 and Seton Hill College Wednesday, Feb. 13. Potential lifeguards may begin making appointments for interviews Feb. 1. Call Ken Repak at (724) 238-3666 EXT. 236 for more information or stop by the Career Center.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 8
LAST DAY TO DROP ($15 Fee)
Newman Club Carnation Sale - Cafeteria (Lunch and Dinner Hour)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Symphonic Band Concert - Orr Auditorium
10 p.m. - 2 a.m. IT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 9
Kappa Delta Mother-Daughter Day
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. RA Round Robin Selection Process
1 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Thiel (H)
3 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Thiel (H)
7 p.m. Mass - Chapel
PCMEA Variety Show
9 p.m. Movie: Rock Star - Down Under

SUNDAY 10
All Day Speech and Debate Tournament -Beeghly Theatre and HSC 212
3 p.m. Senior Recital - Chapel
6 p.m. IFC Meeting
7 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9 p.m. Movie: Rock Star - Down Under

MONDAY 11
7 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
7 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Mount Union (H)
9 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 12
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
Career Center Resume Workshop
11:15 a.m. SLAC Meeting -OM 307
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
8 p.m. Celebrity Series: Curtain Up "Strike Up the Band" - Orr Auditorium
8 p.m. Men's Single Room Drawing
8:30 p.m. Women's Single Room Drawing
9 p.m. RACT Meeting

WEDNESDAY 13
ASH WEDNESDAY
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: David Shaffer, "Object-Oriented Programming" - PH 311
4:30 p.m. Who's Who Reception - Russell Hall Dining Room
6 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Grove City
7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service - Chapel
7 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting
7:45 p.m. SGA Meeting
8 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Grove City
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
Deadline for Intramural Sign-ups for Indoor Soccer - Field House Lobby or Old 77 Office
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
Noon Campus Club Valentine Luncheon - Russell Dining Room
Newman Club Carnation Delivery
11 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

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April Dollard
Katie Etzel
Kristin Etzel
Cindi Henderson
Lynn Kiley
Jennifer Latronica
Amanda Oliveri
Sarah Patterson
Megan Romano
Emily Stanton
Abigail Sumpter
Leah Vassilaros
Ashley Williams

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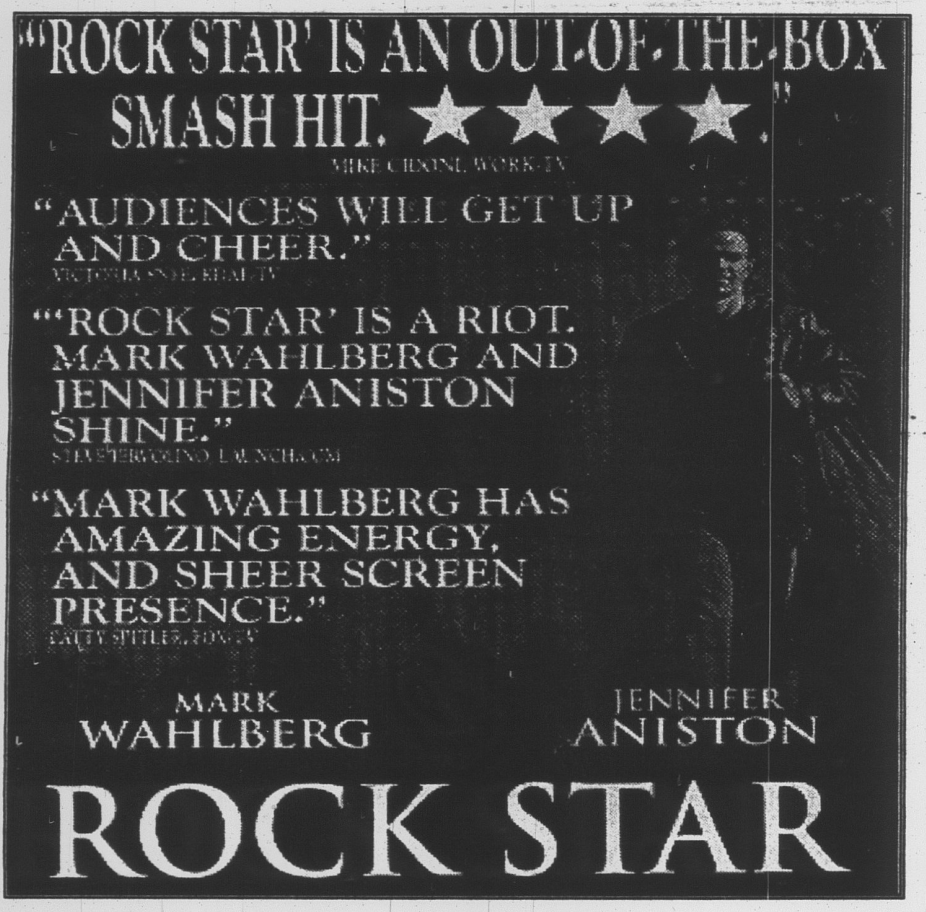
At the Down Under



Feb. 10 - Sunday
9:00 p.m.
Movie

Rock Star

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 8: JT's Cafe
Feb 16: Comic Mike Siegel
Feb 22: APO Retro Dance
Mar 1: JT's Cafe
Mar 2: Comic - TINY
Mar 22: 1 Acts
Mar 23: 1 Acts
Apr 5: JT's Cafe
Apr 6: Comic - Jon Repp
Apr 13: Comic - Steve Byrne
Apr 19 - 21 Lil Sib's Weekend
Apr: 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe
May 4: VolleyRock

JT s Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts. You provide the chatter.

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Feb. 8 from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m.

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Shepard speaks on campus

By Andrea Majot
STAFF WRITER

The audience fell silent as she approached the podium. For a woman who had helped shape a nation's view of hate, she was surprisingly small. For a woman who had withstood the loss of a child while the world watched, she was surprisingly soft-spoken. In her own words, she was simply a mother who had loved her son.

Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, victim of an anti-gay hate crime, spoke on Thursday, Feb. 7 in Orr to a crowd of about 500.

"Her speech really made me want to refrain from using the word 'gay,'" freshman Jessica Rummel said. "I have no problem with homosexuals, so using that language makes me a hypocrite."

Matthew, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming, was lured from a bar by two men he had met there in October of 1998. The two men posing as homosexuals then kidnapped Matthew, tied him to a fence, pistol-whipped him and then left him

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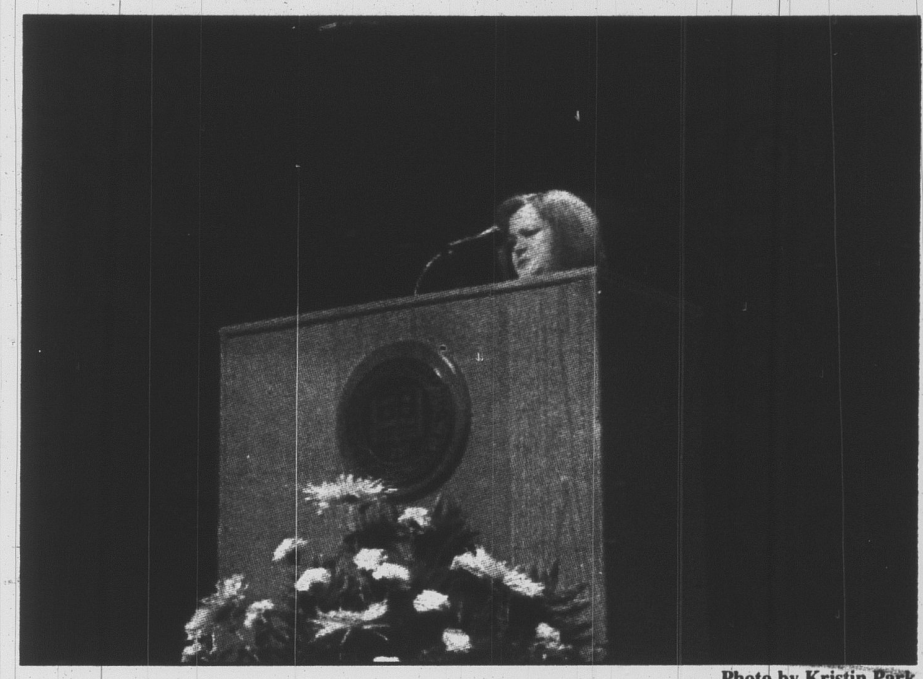


Photo by Kristin Park
Judy Shepard spoke to an audience of about 500 last Thursday in Orr.

Naked man runs through dining hall

By Jenna Swearingen
STAFF WRITER

President Richard Nixon returned from the grave in order to pay a visit to Duff Dining hall during dinner on Wednesday. However, he must have left his clothes behind.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., the quiet chatter in the cafeteria was brought to a halt by a banging sound on the windows near the door. All heads turned from their plates and conversations to find out what the commotion was.

Suddenly, a naked man ran into the room wearing nothing but a Richard Nixon mask. He wore no socks or shoes.

He ran about screaming for a few minutes. He ran around the table and became entangled in some chairs. After freeing himself, he ran out the dining hall doors and into the Galbreath parking lot.

The people in the cafeteria turned back to their friends at the tables and resumed conversation, leaving behind whatever it was they were originally talking about.

Senior Amiee Piccolino witnessed this free show while attempting to eat her dinner.

"He stopped right in front of the festival display, so I couldn't tell that he was naked at first," she said. "When he ran out from behind there is when I realized that he was naked because, well … he was naked! When he came in, I saw he didn't have a shirt on but I never thought, 'Hey! He's naked!'"

Sophomore Courtney Lytle really wasn't expecting to see anything of that nature in the dining hall. "It was the most shocking thing in my life."

"I'm scarred for life," Piccolino said.

The identity of the naked crusader is unknown, but according to witnesses the incident was videotaped by a table of men.

Art missing from gallery

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Feb. 12 a piece of artwork was reported missing from the art exhibit.

The piece entitled "Recollections" is missing from display #14 of Carol Brode's exhibit. BlindSpots. The piece is described as having the dimensions 9"x6"x2"and consisting of a "deep shallow box, oak frame, 2 test tubes, copper backing and glass front with the word 'recollection' etched on it vertically." The piece is valued at $175.

According to Bill Brandt, site supervisor, the piece was probably in the exhibit on Friday and was noticed missing on Tuesday.

Peggy Cox, art professor, said this is not something she expects at an exhibit.

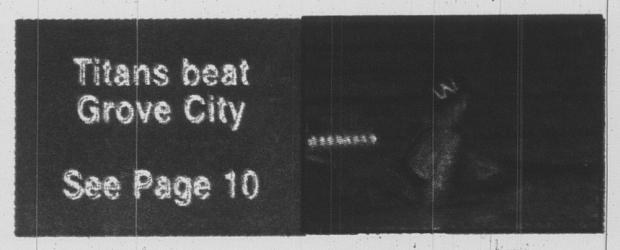
In a campus-wide email Cox said, "For the last four exhibits we have had more art stolen or damaged than in the last four years. We ask that all Westminster people please keep an eye out for our guest artists and report any thefts and help us locate the art and the thief."

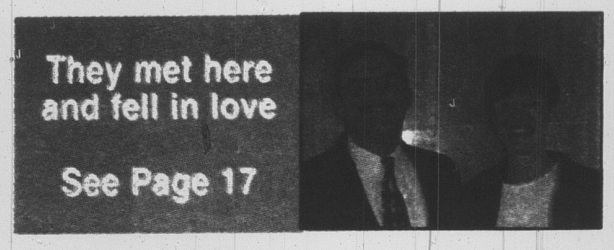
Cox said the artist has been notified and that art gallery exhibits are insured.

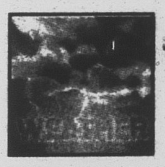
In the future, these thefts could affect the types of exhibits being brought to the gallery.

"We let them [the artists] know ahead of time that this is the situation," Cox said, adding that people who have fragile or delicate things are not going to bring them to this campus to display.

Cox urges the person who took the piece to return it to the gallery.







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Saturday Snow high 41° low 20°

Sunday: Snow high 33° low 16°

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CAMPUS NEWS

PCMEA Talent Show presents 13 different acts

By Erin Chittock
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association held its fifth annual variety show in Orr Auditorium.

"The show displayed a versatile range of music, from rock bands to opera," said Tad Greig, adviser of the PCMEA and director of bands. "It was a gambit of talent."

Senior Amber Cole, vice president of the PCMEA, directed the variety show for the second consecutive year. As the biggest fundraiser for the PCMEA, the show required a great deal of planning for all those involved. The hard work paid off. "The show was awesome," Cole said. "We made a good amount of money and had a great turn out."

This year, 13 different acts were presented. The list of performances included three bands, a men's quartet, several duets, a piano and guitar ensemble, and even a martial arts routine.

Cole points out that the most dynamic part of the show was that many of the entertainers were not music majors. Attracting a variety of people was her biggest goal. "There is a great deal of hidden talent on this campus," she said.

Senior Heidi Langdon fulfilled her dream of performing a duet with her long-time friend, senior Scott Hoffman. "I have always wanted to do this," Langdon said. "I was very excited about performing." Langdon played piano as Hoffman played the guitar in their presentation of "Faithful Friend," written by Twila Paris and Steven Curtis Chapman.

Junior Heather Burns, PCMEA secretary, also performed. Last year she played a piano accompaniment for senior Donna Macurdy. This year she joined Macurdy in singing "Bosom Buddies," from the Broadway musical, Mame. "It was a lot more fun this year, because last year I didn't have a lot of time to prepare for the show," Burns said.

"The performers came to the variety show to do what they do best. They all had a message to get across," Cole said. "The audience came with an open heart and went away with a smile."

Photo by Kristin Park
Senior Andrea Barilla sings at the variety show.

Dean Lechner shares the facts about alcohol policies

By Kara Stivason
STAFF WRITER

College is a time for experimentation for many students. Most students, at one point or another, experiment with alcohol. Whether it is due to curiosity, rebellion, peer pressure, or boredom, binge drinking is an issue on many campuses across the country.

Although statistics indicate that college drinking is down from a decade ago, recent studies show that frequent binge drinking - defined as drinking five or more drinks in one sitting for men, four for women, three or more times in a two week period - has increased over the past 10 years.

Westminster is a dry campus. "It is clearly stated in the student handbook that alcohol, in any form, is prohibited," said John Lechner, assistant dean of student affairs. If students are caught with alcohol on campus, disciplinary action is taken. If students under age 21 are caught with alcohol, the fine is $75; for students 21 and over, the fine is $50. If students are caught a second time, the fine doubles.

When someone is knowingly in the presence of alcohol, the fine is $25. This occurs when someone is with a large group of people who are drinking, but that person is not. The person is still charged because there is alcohol present.

Any time a student is found in the presence of alcohol on campus and is fined, it is recorded on their permanent record. When students sign a release form, future employers and government personnel have the right to see it. This especially applies to education and criminal justice majors.

Although alcohol is prohibited on campus, measures are still taken to decrease problems with alcohol off campus. "It is very responsible of the administration to acknowledge the problem, and run the happy bus," said Elizabeth Harrison, associate professor of music. The happy bus is run every Friday and Saturday night for students in need of ride to the fraternity houses or back to campus.

If students are caught drinking underage or under the influence of alcohol while walking back from a fraternity house, their licenses could be suspended for 90 days. Driving back to campus with an illegal blood-alcohol level may result in a DUI, injury or death.

Many students and faculty said they think the alcohol policy is ineffective. "I think it is a naïve approach to think it isn't happening because they make up this archaic rule that it is prohibited," said music faculty member Matthew McCright. "If you are of age, and want to drink responsibly, you should be able to choose."

Senior Robin Jones agrees. "Being that I am 21, I feel that it is nonsense that I cannot drink in my own room."

Others, like sophomore Diana Rodenhausen, feel the school should offer an alternative to drinking. "I feel that the amount of alcohol use would decrease if our school would offer some more activities or opportunities that would appeal to the students in place of going to the fraternity houses. Maybe have the school rent a bowling alley for a night, or offer social dances in the Down Under."

Dean Lechner will be addressing concerns and answering questions on the alcohol policy in next week's *Holcad*.

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to die either late on Oct. 6 or early on Oct. 7. He died on Oct. 12 as a result of his injuries.

Since her son's death, Shepard has been involved with the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which works to prevent hate crimes by educating children and establishing safer environments for young people. Shepard has also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee to support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act and has appeared in public service announcements on television designed to curb anti-gay violence. As Shepard said, "We don't have to live in hate and darkness and fear."

Shepard has also been involved in a speaking campaign across the country. Allies, SGA and other campus organizations worked together to bring her to campus.

The stage, decorated with a spray of white flowers and bathed in rainbow light, was the solemn, but hopeful setting from which Shepard told stories about her son and educated about unity.

President of Allies, senior Brad Dell, introduced Shepard before a brief informative video about hate crimes. "Judy is determined to use her grief over her son's death to make a difference," Dell said.

Shepard began by reading the victim impact statement she gave on April 5, 1999 during her son's murderers' trial. Many in the audience were moved to tears as she described Matt as "my friend, my confidante, my constant reminder of how good life can be."

She went on to say how Matt's death impacted her life. "All the hopes that were Matt's were killed ... There are some days I think that I cannot go on."

Shepard later added a note of hope when she spoke about issues concerning unity, including the removal of hate language from schools. She also urged people to become aware of who represented them politically and what they stood for.

Shepard advocates that everyone fight for equal treatment of all people. "We have to give of ourselves, that's part of what being a human being is all about." She added, "Hate is everywhere ... but we need to combat it as individuals."

Shepard will continue speaking and supporting her cause. "I know Matt would be disappointed in me if I gave up—He would be disappointed in us all if we gave up."

To promote unity on campus, reach out to Allies, the gay/straight alliance by e-mailing Dell at dellbe@westminster.edu.

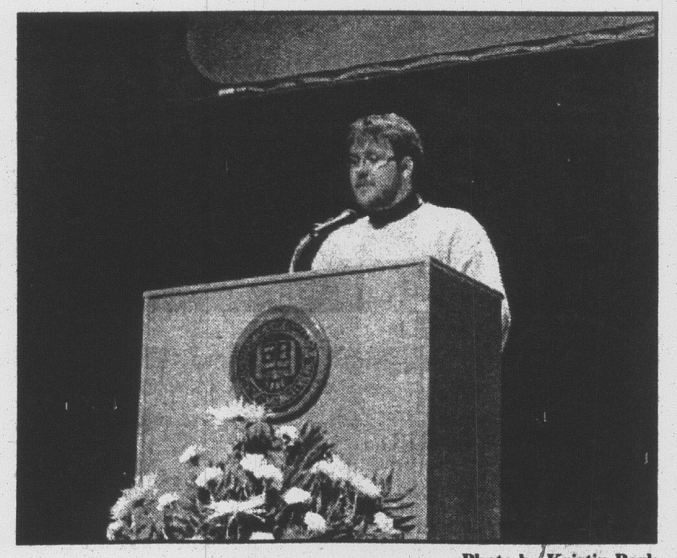

Photo by Kristin Park
Brad Dell was one of the people who helped bring Judy Shepard to campus.

Hawaii course takes students on a trip to the islands

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The students and professors pose in paradise.

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Some people came back from winter break looking a little tanner than the rest of us. Twenty-four students and two professors took part in this year's science-related travel course. The lab section of the course was a 16-day trip to the Hawaiian Islands, where the students studied the islands' culture, geography and ecology.

Dr. Kenneth Long and Dr. Ann Throckmorton taught the course in the fall and escorted the students to Hawaii. The professors have been involved in many travel courses.

"This was my fifth trip to the islands with a group of students," Long said. "I think the trip went quite well this year. We had good staff people in Hawaii, the weather was great, and the participants showed a lot of interest."

This was Throckmorton's third trip to the islands, and she has led school trips to the Caribbean, Ecuador and the Galapagos, and Central America.

"The tropics are the best place to study ecology," Throckmorton said. "There are lots of species and complex ecosystems. To be able to study volcanoes at the same time is even better."

The group visited four islands, including Kauai, Maui, The Big Island of Hawaii and Oahu.

"Each of the islands offered a variety of exciting activities, such as cliff diving, kayaking, hiking through volcanic craters, and snorkeling," junior Jen Hooks said. "Every island had different and exciting aspects."

This trip offered students the opportunity to see the islands in a way most travelers don't.

"People go to Hawaii all the time, but rarely do they experience it the way we did," senior Necole Corvino said. "We had the chance to see the real Hawaii, rather than just do touristy stuff."

Everyone on the trip had his or her favorite moments.

"My favorite parts were the luau, viewing the activity on Kilauea Volcano, and seeing the beautiful and interesting plants and animals," Dr. Long said.

"The best time for me was when we finally reached the end of the 12-mile hike through the volcanic crater of Haleakala," sophomore Julia Malone said. "In spite of how awful the last three miles of the trail were, there was this overwhelming feeling of satisfaction that I had completed something so difficult."

So how do you get a grade for a 16-day journey through some of the world's most beautiful terrain?

"We kept extensive journals of our activities and were encouraged to make connections in them between the course and the trip," junior Ericka Peterson said. "Much of the lab portion's grade depends on the journal."

Students were also evaluated for the trip by deciding what grade they deserved and justifying it in an essay.

"I think grading yourself on the trip is one of the more interesting facets of the class," Peterson said. "Students get the opportunity to explain how well they participated and why they deserve the grade they want."

A trip like this is not for everyone. It is definitely not the standard peaceful vacation.

"Students should take the class," Malone said. "Though it was not your average carefree vacation, it was definitely an experience of a lifetime that they would not get if they go on their own. I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Next year Dr. Balcon and Dr. Corrette-Bennett will be taking students to the Galapagos. The following year a travel course to Australia with Dr. Throckmorton may be offered.

Sobe drinks making a big splash in the TUB

By Craig Carlin
STAFF WRITER

Winter break ended and the Lizard was let loose on campus. Sobe energy drinks, recognizable by the lizard logo, are new to the Grille.

Keeping up with other colleges in the area, the Grille's management decided to boost the collective energy level of the campus by offering Sobe energy drinks.

According to the Grille's employees, students are excited about the addition of energy drinks, buying out the entire stock within the first few days of the semester. "It sold so much, it's unbelievable," Grille employee Pat Salmen said.

Sobe drinks are marketed to teens and young adults. The Sobe label carries the phrase, "All Sobe beverages are specially formulated to energize the body, uplift the spirit and enlighten the mind." Junior Vince Caruso has been buying Sobe drinks on a regular basis. "I appreciate them because I was addicted to caffeine. Now I'm addicted to Sobe," he said. "They help me get energy for classes and it tastes good."

Grille Retail and Catering Manager Beth Sammons compared drinking Sobe to taking vitamins. However, she admitted that the vitamin content in Sobe energy drinks is low when compared to a typical vitamin caplet. "They're marketing it to kids who don't take vitamins," she said. "I think it's better than drinking Pepsi nutritionally."

Many flavors of Sobe are offered in the Grille including Sobe Power, Sobe Lizard Lightning, Sobe Energy, Sobe Lizard Lava, Sobe Liz Blizz, Sobe Dragon and Sobe Green Tea. Sobe Lean is offered as well, which is sugar free, but contains a blend of citrimax, chromemate and carnitine.

All Sobe drinks contain energizing vitamins, herbs and nutrients like taurine, creatine, L-proline, astragalus, yerba mate, ginkgo biloba, aloe vera, echinacea, ginseng, guarana and wolfberry.

The energy drinks can be found in a new Sobe Lizard logo cooler near the fountain drinks in the Grille, and can be purchased for only $1.49 each. "I bought it there a few times," sophomore Matt Buzard said.

Taste tests revealed that Sobe drinks are selling well because of their blend of fruit flavors. "It tastes like peach," freshman Willis Bretz said. "It tastes like that mixed drink I make," his roommate, freshman Phil McCann, said afterwards.

"It tastes like a pineapple-flavored orange juice," Buzard said after tasting Lizard Lightning, an orange- and mango-flavored Sobe. "It's good." Other comments were not as positive. "It tastes like it should cost a dollar less," junior Joe Katich said.

Information on Sobe news, events and promotions can be found at www.sobebev.com and students are urged to call the Lizard Line at 1-800-588-0548 if they have questions or comments, to receive product information, or talk with a customer service representative.

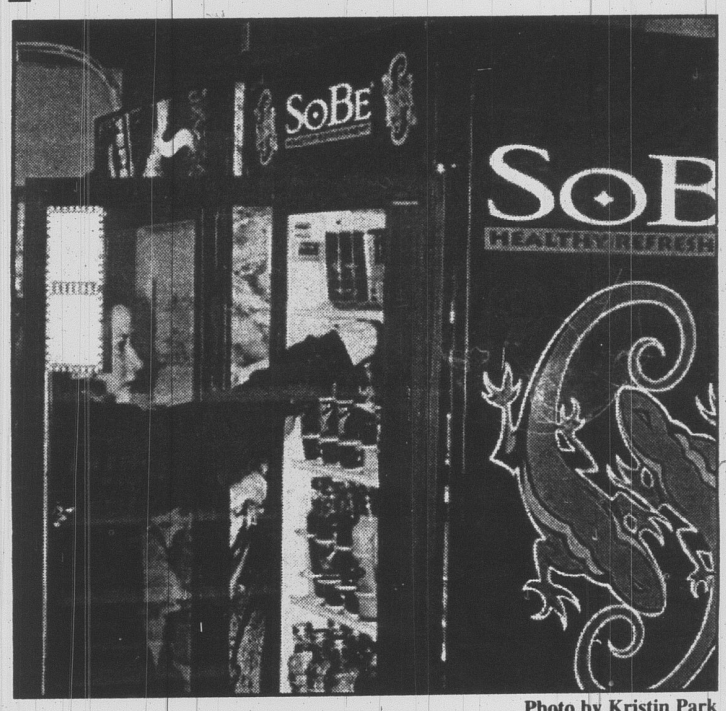

Photo by Kristin Park

Sobe drinks have become popular with students, selling out in the first few days of the semester.

Student Govenment Association: Slate debates Feb. 20

By Molly Dyke
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The upcoming SGA debates were the focus of this week's meeting. The two slates are set to participate in the debate at 7 p.m. on Feb. 20. The event will be held in Philips Lecture Hall in the ground floor of Hoyt. SGA is looking into having the event broadcasted on the campus radio.

The senate discussed the format and agenda for the debate. The current president, Lindsey Braem, will be the moderator for this event. Senators were asked to submit questions for the next week's debate.

SGA is also looking into sponsoring another campus-wide social event. A proposed trip to Kennywood was discussed. The event would be in early May.

Team committee chairs were asked to present any ideas discussed at last week's meeting. All four teams are working on projects. Two of these projects include an all-campus karaoke event in April and another SGA promotion day. The karaoke event would be another celebration of the sesquicentennial.

Blue "black-out" curtains receiving mixed reviews

By Rachel Lawrence
STAFF WRITER

After 18 months, all the dorms have a new look. Blue curtains have replaced the old, thin, off-white ones.

The blue curtains first appeared in the summer of 2000. Jeffers, Hillside and Russell were the first to see the improvement 18 months ago. Then Shaw and Eichenauer were given the new look a year ago, and finally Brown, Ferguson and Galbreath saw the change within the last three months.

"We changed all the curtains because previous ones were in need of replacement due to age and weathering," Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner said.

A committee formed to discuss what could be done about the curtains along with other improvements to the dorms. When deciding on the new curtains, the committee considered style, material, ability to darken the room when closed, and machine washable and flame retardant features.

Many students said they enjoy the curtains for different reasons. Most like Kristie Perrotte, a senior Galbreath resident, enjoy the curtains because they keep the rooms dark during the day. "I really like the curtains because they keep the sun out when I am taking an afternoon nap," she said.

Senior Galbreath resident Renee Tappe likes the curtains as well. "Everything in our room was blue, so they (the curtains) were a good addition to what was already there," she said.

Many Hillside residents do not get to experience the curtains because their windows are too big. "I remember having them last year in Jeffers, but now that I live on the third floor Hillside I don't even remember what they look like," sophomore McKenzie Crowell said.

Many people were happy with the curtains, but when there is change there is always people who do not agree with the crowd. Sophomore Galbreath resident Casie Howes did not enjoy the change. "I did not like the curtains because I bought new curtains for Christmas and took mine down to put up the new ones. They said it was a fire hazard," she said.

Freshman Donny Waldron also did not like them. He said that the curtains are "nasty and transparent, too much light gets through them."

Although the change has mixed reviews, most students seemed to be happy with it.

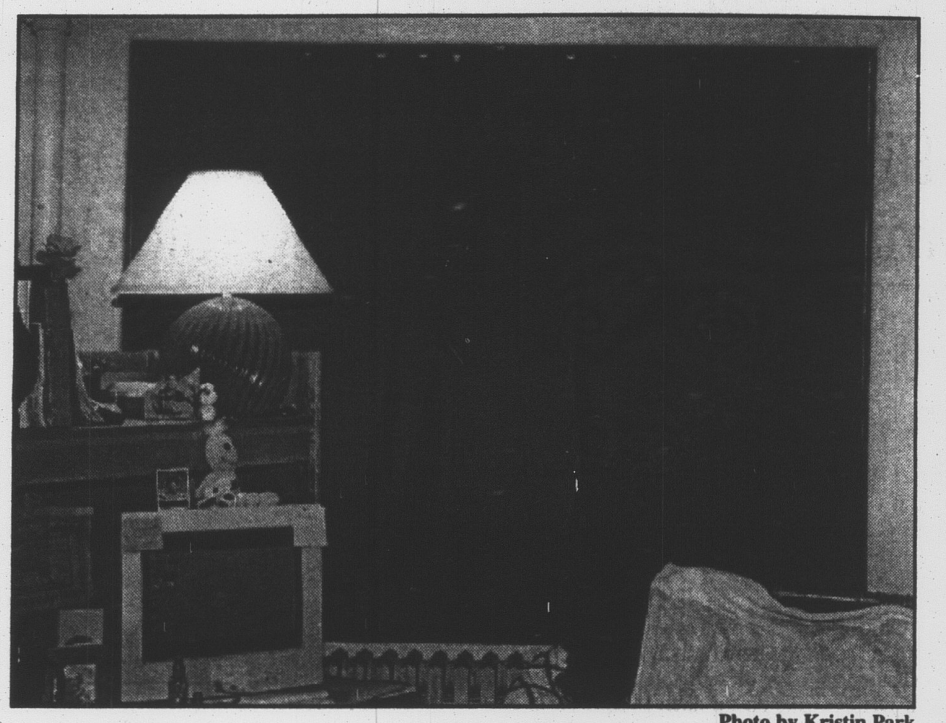

Photo by Kristin Park
The new blue curtains are machine washable and flame retardant.

Who's Who banquet recognizes outstanding students

Photo by Biz Adams
Seven of the 43 students who received the award.

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

What do some juniors and seniors have in common with H. Ross Perot, Elizabeth Dole and Jesse Jackson? Forty-three students joined the ranks of Who's Who Among American College Students this week.

The process began in November, when more than 300 students received letters from SGA and Student Affairs encouraging them to apply for consideration.

As special events chairperson, sophomore Stefanie Maccaglia oversaw the selection process.

"Who's Who was a joint effort between SGA and Student Affairs," Maccaglia said. "It is a real honor to be recognized with this award because only a limited number of students can receive it."

President Williamson addressed the students and handed out the Who's Who certificates with Neal Edman, dean of student affairs, and Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs.

"Receiving this award is a milestone in these students' college careers," Williamson said. "They stand out as people who are on their way to a successful career and life."

Junior Justin Kurtz gladly accepted his certificate. "I really hoped I would be chosen to receive this award," Kurtz said. "I am very excited to receive this recognition and to become a member of such a prestigious organization that is nationally known."

Some students brought professors or faculty members with them to the event. Junior Courtney Henry brought biology professor, Clarence Harms.

"When I learned we were allowed to bring a guest, Clarence was one of the first people I thought of," Henry said. "Clarence is more than a professor; he really cares about his students and loves his job. I was honored to bring him," she added.

Some recipients were surprised at the campus reaction to the award.

"It's really nice and to hear people congratulate me about Who's Who," junior Melissa Batulis said. "I wasn't expecting people to know about it or think it was a big deal, but it's nice to have recognition for being involved on campus."

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Pittsburgh man charged with murder before attempting suicide

PITTSBURGH - A man accused of stabbing his wife to death and then turning the knife on himself in front of police begged authorities to let him die, a police officer testified.

"'I killed her. I want to kill myself too. Let me die,'" Pittsburgh police officer William Kelsch quoted Daniel Marvin Sr., 45, as having said. The testimony came in a court hearing Friday.

Marvin was charged with homicide in the Jan. 20 death of his wife, 45-year-old Elaine, in their home in the city's South Side neighborhood.

Officers went to the home on a domestic disturbance call. After climbing through a second story window, officers found Elaine dead and Daniel lying on the kitchen floor with a knife in his chest.

As officers watched, Daniel then stabbed himself again, Kelsch testified.

"Don't move me. I want to kiss her. I want to be with her," Daniel told officers, according to Kelsch.

The couple had a history of domestic disputes and Elaine had obtained a protection-from-abuse order last year, police said. Elaine's mother, Marion Tumicki, has said Daniel had been receiving treatment for psychological problems.

The couple's two children, who were home at the time, were placed with their maternal grandparents.

It could not be determined Friday night whether Daniel had an attorney.

Eleven accused in western Pa. auto theft ring; ten arraigned

PITTSBURGH - Eleven people were accused Friday of participating in an auto theft ring in four western Pennsylvania counties.

Investigators believe that more than 30 vehicles were stolen and retagged using several locations as part of the alleged operation in Allegheny, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

The locations included Mark's Auto Sales in Dunlevy, White's Tavern near Uniontown, Prokopovitch Towing and Junk Yard in Fayette City and Charlie's Service Center in Charleroi, prosecutor Stephen Zappala said.

The retagging was done by taking vehicle identification numbers off salvaged vehicles and then applying the identification numbers from those vehicles to the stolen ones, the district attorney said.

The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office said 10 of the 11 people were arraigned following the investigation by state police that began in 1999.

Zappala's office said one of the accused men, Frank T. Prokopovitch, 46, of Perryopolis, remains at large. An arrest warrant accuses him of receiving stolen property, operating a chop shop, tampering with public records and other counts.

Blair County Court clears more than 500 divorces from books

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. - A western Pennsylvania county has wiped hundreds of divorce cases from its records -- for better or for worse.

Officials in Blair County Common Pleas Court cleared a backlog of more than 500 divorces from their books.

Court officials began sorting through the separations in October after the county's backlog of pending divorces caught the eye of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. The office monitors the state's Common Pleas Courts to make sure cases are handled efficiently.

Blair County Court Administrator Michael D. Reighard targeted 593 divorce cases on which no action had been taken in the last two years. Some of the divorces were three years old and others involved spouses who had since died.

Officials didn't explain why the cases didn't receive attention sooner. Some involved former spouses who had moved away, possibly to divorce somewhere else, and in others, couples decided to stick it out.

Judges sent notices to attorneys and couples to show up in court if they wanted their divorces to continue. The county didn't hear back from 300 couples, said court administrator Pat Gildea.

In all, county judges canceled 533 divorces -- leaving 60 pending.

Man sentenced to stand with sow for calling an officer "pig"

PAINESVILLE, Ohio - A man who called a police officer a pig served his sentence with a sow.

A lunchtime crowd--including his daughter--jeered and joked with Steven Thompson Friday as he stood on a city sidewalk next to a 350-pound pig in a pen for two hours, with a sign reading, "This is not a police officer."

Painesville Municipal Judge Michael Cicconetti ordered the sentence instead of jail time following Thompson's guilty plea to disorderly conduct.

Thompson, 44, of Painesville had used the word "pig" while shouting obscenities in a Jan. 28 confrontation with a city police officer.

"I made a mistake, and now I'm sorry and I'm paying for it," Thompson said in a speech next to the pen.

His teen-age daughter and friends from her high school shouted, "Way to go, Mr. Thompson!"

A farmer from nearby Perry loaned the city the sow, an award-winning Duroc purebred. Painesville is about 30 miles east of Cleveland.

Cicconetti has said he uses creative sentencing for misdemeanors almost weekly, such as ordering a stereo-blasting teen to spend three hours in silence in the woods.

Salvation Army officer charged

GREENSBURG, Pa. - A former Salvation Army officer has been charged with stealing more than $200,000 from the charity.

Timothy E. Ream, 35, of Palmerton, was arrested for allegedly creating a bank account in the Salvation Army's name, depositing $233,163 and then withdrawing the money when he closed the account in May.

Ream resigned from the Jeanette, Westmoreland County, office of the Salvation Army in September after 13 years with the charity and five years as an officer.

He was arraigned Friday on charges of forgery and theft and ordered held on $135,000 bail.

NATIONAL

Mysterious red rash affects more than 100 students

Bill Bergstrom
AP WRITER

PHILADELPHIA - Doctors were awaiting test results Saturday from several suburban schools where students broke out in red, itchy rashes.

Dr. Norman L. Sykes, a Thomas Jefferson University dermatologist, said authorities are waiting for results of tests for fifth disease, a common ailment that causes a mild rash. Tests of one student and one teacher were negative, he said.

Investigators are looking into whether environmental factors, such as cleaning agents or some form of allergen, could have caused the rashes that have struck more than 100 students since Jan. 31.

They are also checking whether the schools have common sources of food.

The rashes have been reported in at least eight schools some 20 miles apart in the suburbs 35 miles north of Philadelphia.

Health officials have tested water and inspected for chemicals without finding anything unusual.

Similar probes failed to find the cause of itchy rashes that affected hundreds of students and teachers in November at Marsteller Middle School in Manassas, Va.

In New York City's Queens borough, 46 elementary school students and three teachers at PS 161 reported severe itching on Tuesday. The cause of the rashes remained unknown.

Rashes also broke out last week among several dozen students at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Medford, Ore.

The ailment cropped up recently in eastern Pennsylvania. Over the past eight weeks, 62 students at Tobyhanna Elementary Center in the Pocono Mountain School District have been diagnosed with fifth disease.

So called because it was once considered one of the five main childhood illnesses, fifth disease is usually mild, according to the National Center for Infectious Diseases. One in five people infected don't develop symptoms.

A child may have a low fever or cold-like symptoms, followed by a face rash creating a "slapped cheek" appearance and a lacy red rash on the trunk, arms and legs. Adults may develop joint pain.

Sykes said the virus is spread by coughs and sneezes but the contagious stage is over by the time the rash appears. The rash usually disappears in seven to 10 days, and those infected develop lifelong immunity. Sixty percent of adults have been infected at some point in their lives.

Infection during pregnancy may cause serious complications, and fifth disease can slow red blood cell production and cause serious anemia in people with sickle-cell disease. There is no treatment other than to treat any fever, joint pain or discomfort from the rash

Florida prison guards accused of stomping killer to death

Ron Word
AP WRITER

STARKE, Fla. - In this rural Florida county where the biggest employer is the state prison system, three guards are on trial, accused of stomping a convicted killer to death in his cell to keep him from exposing brutality behind bars.

The grisly murder case could test the loyalties of the jury and the community alike before it is over.

The dead man was Frank Valdes, who was pulled from his cell at the Florida State Prison at Starke in July 1999 with 22 broken ribs and fractures of his sternum, vertebrae, nose and jaw, along with numerous internal injuries. There were boot prints on his face, neck, abdomen and back.

Prosecutors have charged that the guards killed a handcuffed and shackled Valdes to keep him from telling the news media about beatings and other mistreatment of inmates at the prison.

Defense attorneys have countered that Valdes, who was under a death sentence for murdering a guard during a 1987 breakout attempt in South Florida, killed himself by flinging his body against the concrete floor and his bunk.

Pathologist Ronald Wright disputed that. Startling jurors and spectators, he leaped up and down in the courtroom to demonstrate how Valdes died. "You jump up in the air and you come down with your feet on somebody," he said.

The guards--Timothy Thornton, 36; Charles Brown, 28; and Jason Griffis, 28--face up to life in prison if convicted. Five colleagues will be tried later, four of them on murder charges. The prosecution rested on Thursday; the defense is expected to open its case on Monday.

Gala Hamrick, 41, a convenience store clerk in Starke, said people in this small town are hesitant to express an opinion about the case for fear of offending someone. But she said: "Most people think the guards did the right thing since Valdes was there for killing a corrections officer. That's pure retaliation."

According to testimony, Valdes, who was being held in the prison's X-Wing, the disciplinary unit for troublemakers, scuffled with guards twice on the day he died--once in the morning, once in the afternoon.

In the morning, a five-man "extraction team" with riot helmets and padded gear sprayed him with tear gas and zapped him with an electrical shield after he refused to cooperate with guards trying to take him out of his cell, according to testimony. The guards wanted to search his cell for weapons because he had allegedly threatened a guard, the jury was told.

According to testimony, Valdes was put on a red garbage cart and hauled off to the clinic.

Inmate Steven Porkolab told of watching from a window as Valdes--"bloody all over, unconscious"--was dragged down a corridor. Porkolab said guards forced him to clean up the blood on the floor.

He said he also saw guards working on their use-of-force reports after the incident, and testified that Thornton told the other guards: "We've got to make this one right."

The fatal beating was alleged to have taken place later that day.

Inmate Castro Flores said he heard screaming and yelling that afternoon and "figured it was an inmate getting beat up."

House fire hate-motivated

John MacDonald
AP WRITER

MISSOULA, Mont. - A crowd of about 700 friends, community leaders and total strangers packed a church Saturday to support a lesbian couple who narrowly escaped an arson fire that gutted their home and stunned the community.

Carla Grayson and Adrianne Neff received a standing ovation and an almost constant stream of hugs as they vowed not to let the fire change their view of the community where they've lived for almost two years.

Grayson, a University of Montana psychology professor, urged those in the crowd to turn any anger they may have about the fire into positive action.

Grayson was among state university system employees who, along with their gay and lesbian partners, sued the system Monday for not extending insurance and other benefits to same-sex couples.

Two days after they filed their lawsuit, Grayson and Neff and another lesbian couple--Carol Snetsinger and Nancy Siegel--received threatening letters in the mail.

Shortly after 3 a.m. Friday, Grayson and Neff were awakened by a smoke alarm and found the inside of their home in flames. They escaped through a window with their toddler son.

Investigators said someone had broken in, poured flammable liquid throughout the home, and set it on fire. They are treating the blaze as an attempted murder.

Police Capt. Bob Reid, who also spoke at Saturday's rally, said authorities have made no arrests and are "no closer" to solving the crime.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing the university employees and their partners, said it believes Grayson and Neff were targeted because they were named plaintiffs in the lawsuit and are openly gay.

Those who attended Saturday's rally said targeting Grayson and Neff because of their sexuality, or because they sued to get the same benefits as heterosexual couples, was unacceptable.

"We are here to show our community and our country that Missoula does not tolerate hate," Jean Curtiss, a Missoula County commissioner, said through tears as she addressed the crowd.

"Yesterday, Adrianne and Carla experienced terror; the terror of being in a house on fire, the terror of their child being in danger, the terror of knowing someone wanted them to die."

National Briefs

Counselor in critical condition after beating

MOUNT PLEASANT, N.Y. - A counselor at a center for troubled teens was in critical condition Saturday after six girls allegedly burned and beat her and poured bleach on her face, police said.

"She was just overwhelmed by the number of attackers," police Chief Louis Alagno said.

The 32-year-old victim, whose name was not released, was the only adult in a 16-girl cottage at Pleasantville Cottage School when she was attacked Thursday night, Alagno said.

The girls punched, kicked, stomped and scratched the counselor, then "doused her with rubbing alcohol and set it on fire," Alagno added. "They continued to beat her and then doused her face with chlorine bleach."

Six girls, ages 15 and 16, were arrested and arraigned Friday on second-degree attempted murder charges. All six were ordered held without bail.

The school is run by the Jewish Child Care Association and houses 195 children with behavioral problems.

Money Machine mistakenly prints $72,000

PHILADELPHIA - A machine programmed to cash IRS tax-refund checks mistakenly spit out $72,000 in $100 bills Friday, and a man and woman are wanted for absconding with thousands of dollars, police said.

Police have a warrant for the married couple's arrest on theft and related charges, Lt. Michael Chitwood said.

Willie and Tawanda Anderson, of Philadelphia, have five children and have never been in trouble before, he said.

The pair deposited their refund check for $2,200 at the H&R Block office where they had their taxes done. The machine dispensed $100 bills until it was empty, 16 seconds and $72,000 later.

The couple was seen scooping up cash, and walked away with about $30,000, Chitwood said.

Police officers went to the couple's home, but they were not there.

INTERNATIONAL

Mexico City's history endangered by modern needs

Mark Stevenson
AP WRITER

MEXICO CITY - An adult movie theater sits on the remains of North America's first convent, where construction workers regularly turn up piles of ancient bones. Fast-food restaurants snuggle in centuries-old buildings and outdoor vendors hawk computer chips from wooden tables in a 16th century alleyway.

This is Mexico City's 700-year-old historic district, a 2-square-mile (5-square-kilometer) amalgam of ancient and new that is proving a challenge for historical conservationists. Government and civic groups will unveil a plan Monday to save the district, but the obstacles are daunting--and range from the mundane to the surreal.

To begin with, the entire area-a maze of narrow streets clogged with traffic and street vendors--is sinking steadily into the swampy terrain of a former lakebed.

Some crumbling buildings are built atop even older structures. Should workers restore a 17th century building whose masonry walls are buckling--or the Aztec pyramid buried underneath, which is responsible for the damage?

Then there are the modern-day quandaries.

Should the center be closed to cars, whose exhaust is eating away at the stone structures? "The automobile is a predator here. The pedestrian should be king," says Rene Couloumb, an urban designer and former head of the Historic District Trust.

What should be done for the mostly poor residents, who choke downtown streets with their sidewalk stands? Many of them wish they could tear down the dark, dank, divided-up old mansions where they live and build new, more modern apartments.

The situation can sometimes edge into the bizarre. At the San Francisco Convent, founded in 1524, two Franciscan friars and five priests share cramped quarters with an adult movie theater.

"We'd like a little more room, and if it's not much of a bother, to get our convent back," says Fray Albino Mesa, 86, wearing a brown habit.

The convent was taken over and split up by anti-Catholic politicians in the 1860s. Part of its four-block area was used to house a circus and stables, another was given over to a pool hall, and the cloister was given to the Methodist church, which still holds services there.

Those areas remain the best preserved. Most of the rest of the convent was demolished entirely to make way for office buildings, stores and movie theaters.

Workers continue to dig below the convent to lay electrical cables and water pipes. Leaving an interview with the priests, a reporter steps onto the street and onto a human femur.

"Hey! We were going to save that," says construction worker Luis Jimenez as he heaves a hip bone onto the sidewalk.

Peering into his four-foot (1.2-meter) pit where more bones stick out from the walls, Jimenez offers his archaeological expertise: "I think there are more bodies down there."

Past attempts to restore the downtown area have floundered because of a lack of money. Many are hoping the presence of billionaire Carlos Slim, Latin America's richest man, in the latest rescue effort will give it a better chance of success.

"We have to improve the economic situation of the people who live in the historic district," Slim says.

New Zealand oil spill coats beaches with 40 tons of fuel

Ray Lilley
AP WRITER

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - Workers with shovels and front-end loaders began cleaning tons of thick oil from Gisborne beaches Sunday as salvage teams reduced the flow of oil from a stricken cargo ship grounded a few hundred meters (yards) offshore.

Thick, black fuel oil coated the beaches Saturday as up to 40 metric tons (44 short tons) of fuel from the breached tank of log carrier Jody F. Millennium began washing ashore.

Gisborne, a city on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, some 530 kilometers (330 miles) northeast of the capital, Wellington, has a pristine coastline.

Within a few kilometers (miles) of the leaking ship are lagoon breeding grounds for a rare sea bird, the New Zealand spotted dottrel, and at least 25 other native species.

Few birds have so far been caught in the tarry oil lying in dense pools on the sand. No wildlife deaths have yet been reported, recovery teams said.

"With all these pools of oil on the beach, the prognosis of no wildlife problems is pretty unlikely," said maritime operations commander John Lee-Richards.

Salvage teams aboard the Japanese-owned and South Korean-crewed vessel had pumped about one-third of the 180 metric tones (198 short tons) of oil from the punctured No. 3 tank, he said, reducing the amount escaping into the sea.

"We're seeing hardly any oil leaking at all, that's why we've begun the shoreline cleanup," Lee-Richards added.

An international team of salvage experts backed by New Zealand's navy is battling to prevent a major environmental disaster, pumping oil from threatened tanks before sea swells due in the next few days further damage the ship's cracked hull.

"This has the potential to be disastrous for wildlife of this region," said Department of Conservation marine officer Debbie Freeman.

Under New Zealand law, a ship's owner is held responsible for the costs of environmental damage caused by a grounding.

The Jody F. Millennium was carrying 650 metric tones (715 short tons) of heavy fuel oil and 60 metric tones (66 short tons) of light diesel oil in its tanks.

Lee-Richards said once the heavy oil had been pumped into storage tanks above the vessel's waterline, barges and tanks will begin transferring the fuel off the stricken vessel to shore.

Salvage teams hoped to start the transfers by late Sunday, and to have most of the oil out of the vessel before the weather deteriorates later in the week, he added.

A helicopter continued spraying dispersant on black oil pools, which continue to pollute the sea around the ship, caught on a sandbar 350 meters (1,150 feet) from Waikanae Beach.

Lee-Richards said floating anti-pollution booms have so far prevented much oil from entering nearby river mouths and the harbor area. Extra oil-spill equipment was being flown into the city by an air force plane later in the day.

Former Slobodan Milosevic aides to testify at war crimes trial

Dusan Stojanovic
AP WRITER

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Just what will "The Insiders" say? The fate of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic may well hinge on what revelations former close aides are willing to make when his war crimes trial starts Tuesday.

U.N. prosecutors plan to call hundreds of witnesses in making their case before the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, where Milosevic is charged with genocide in Bosnia and crimes against humanity in Croatia and Kosovo.

Most of the witnesses are likely to be victims of atrocities during the succession of Balkans wars that began when Yugoslavia started to break apart in 1991. But prosecutors say up to 30 former members of Milosevic's inner circle will also be called.

Milosevic is the first former leader of a country to be tried for war crimes in recent history, making this Europe's most important such trial since the Nuremberg proceedings against Nazi Germany's leaders after World War II.

Because he was careful to leave no paper trail, some key evidence is expected to come from Western intelligence services. They eavesdropped on Milosevic and the commanders of his 1991-99 military campaigns that left tens of thousands dead and hundreds of thousands homeless.

Topping the list is Zoran Lilic, the figurehead president of Yugoslavia in 1993-97, when Milosevic wielded the real power as president of Serbia, the federation's dominant republic.

Dumped by Milosevic for opposing his hardline policies in Kosovo, Lilic has acknowledged being approached by U.N. investigators. Although he said he had not volunteered to testify, he suggested in a recent newspaper interview that he might because of what Milosevic "did to me."

Speculation also has pointed to Vlastimir Djordjevic, a police general reported to have been behind a cover-up operation allegedly ordered by Milosevic to hide mass killings of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo during the 1999 NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

Others thought to be on the list are Borisav Jovic, head of Yugoslavia's collective presidency as the federation stumbled toward bloody disintegration in the late 1980s, and Branko Kostic, who succeeded Jovic when Milosevic ordered the Yugoslav army to launch a failed effort to squelch Croatia's secession in 1991.

A U.N. team questioned Markovic last month in his Belgrade prison cell, where he is serving a one-year sentence for destroying police files after a popular uprising forced Milosevic from power in 2000. Markovic's lawyer, Dusan Masic, later said his client was willing to testify.

Deputy Prosecutor Geoffrey Nice, who headed the team, also urged authorities to extradite Serbian President Milan Milutinovic; Gen. Dragoljub Ojdanic and Vlajko Stojiljkovic, former army and police commanders; and Nikola Sainovic, a close Milosevic aide. Those four have been charged at the tribunal, too, so aren't likely to appear on their own.

Legal advisers for Milosevic suggest they will benefit from any testimony from "The Insiders" and say they've collected signatures from 1,380 people willing to appear as defense witnesses. They also say they will try to call former and current world leaders, such as Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Milosevic's Socialist Party accuses tribunal officials and Serbia's new government of "blackmailing" former state officials to "secure fake statements and prove the fake charges" against the former president.

"It is impossible to find a witness in Serbia to testify against Milosevic without saying lies," the party said recently. "Millions of this country's citizens were witnesses of (Milosevic's) policies of peace."

Tribunal officials express confidence in their case.

"We don't have any problems," said Florence Hartmann, spokeswoman for Chief Prosecutor Carla Del Ponte. "We are ready for the trial."

STD AWARENESS

Symptoms of syphilis are not easy to recognize

By Ian Brown
STAFF WRITER

The campus has a safe and secure atmosphere, but STDs are something that can become a problem anywhere for the careless. Some STDs can be cured and some can't. But the possibility of a cure is no reason to keep yourself uninformed about STDs like syphilis.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 11,387 cases of syphilis in 1996. This disease is dangerous because the early symptoms of syphilis are mild and most people don't seek treatment.

Bacteria called Treponemapallidum cause syphilis. The first sign of infection is a small ulcer at the point of infection. This ulcer can appear from two to six weeks after exposure. A few weeks after it has appeared, this early sign of syphilis will go away whether it is treated or not.

If left untreated, a person will start to develop skin rashes. Most rashes are found on the palm of the hands or the soles of the feet. Sometimes rashes may cover the entire body. Rashes take several weeks to months to clear up.

Other symptoms like mild fever, fatigue, headaches, sore throat, patchy hair loss, and swollen glands can appear along with the rashes. All of these symptoms will disappear without treatment. Symptoms will come and go for two years after infection.

If syphilis is left untreated, bacteria can start to damage the heart, eyes, brain, nervous system, bones, joints and most other parts of the body. In time, it can also cause death.

Syphilis is treatable with the use of antibiotics like penicillin. After 24 hours of treatment, a person can no longer transmit the disease.

The National Institute of Health suggests using condoms and other preventative methods during sexual intercourse to prevent fluid transfers. They also suggest getting tested for STDs if any early warning signs of syphilis or any other disease begin to show.

95% of the population will test positive for herpes

By Isaac Ludwig
STAFF WRITER

Herpes is a common virus that most people don't know much about. But to some degree, nearly everyone will suffer from it.

The most common type of herpes, HSV-1 or oral herpes, is known to most people as "cold sores" or "fever blisters."

"Ninety-five percent of the population will test positive for herpes. You get it from your mom when she kisses you when you're an infant," said Perril McBride, examiner for the State Department of Health's STD program.

When most people hear the term herpes, they think of HSV-2 commonly known as genital herpes. What is surprising is that, according to McBride, one out of five adult Americans will test positive for the antibodies for genital herpes.

The symptoms of the virus include a tingling, itching and/or burning sensation at the site of the infection. Following these symptoms, a cluster of blisters form. These then rupture to form lesions or sores.

Both oral and genital herpes are passed from open sores to the mucus membranes of the body. This means that oral herpes can be passed from the mouth to the genitals and thus become genital herpes. The virus can also be passed to the genitals by touching an open sore on the mouth and then engaging in masturbation. In this way, it can also be passed from a sore to any other mucus membrane such as the eyes, nose, ears, etc. in this way.

"Don't touch anybody! Go through life and never kiss anybody, never touch anybody, never do anything, and by God, you will never get oral or genital herpes," McBride said. This statement, while true and obviously sarcastic, cannot be realistically followed.

By getting enough sleep, having a healthy diet, and avoiding drugs, alcohol and especially cigarettes, one can stay healthy enough to fight off disease, including viral infections.

Some people who get genital herpes experience depression. This depression is related to feelings of shame and fear of what people will think if they see the sores. A survey conducted by the American Social Health Association found that 28 percent of people who contract genital herpes have considered suicide as a result.

"In a lot of ways it (oral herpes) is fairly benign, but in terms of the stigma of having a genital disease, that's undesirable. Probably the best way to eliminate that is through communication with your partner," said trainer and wellness instructor Shaun Toomey.

For more information, contact our Health Center at EXT. 7927 or the Family Health Council at 724-658-6681.

Gonorrhea can lead to sterility or organ problems

By Christy Steidel
STAFF WRITER

Gonorrhea is a common sexually transmitted disease, which, if not treated early, can cause serious problems.

Gonorrhea is spread through sexual contact with another person. It can occur in the reproductive organs, urethra, rectum and throat. The most common areas are the urethra in males and the genital tract in females. It may also be possible for pregnant women to pass the bacteria to their infant during birth.

The early symptoms of gonorrhea often are mild, and most women who are infected have no symptoms of the disease. If symptoms develop, they usually appear within two to10 days after sexual contact with an infected partner, although a small percentage may be infected for several months without showing symptoms.

Men are more likely than women to show signs of infection. The symptoms in women include a painful or burning sensation when urinating, abnormal vaginal discharge, bleeding between periods, and lower abdominal pain. Men usually have a yellowish white discharge from the penis and a burning sensation during urination. Symptoms of rectal infection include discharge, anal itching and painful bowel movements.

When treated early, there are no long-term consequences of gonorrhea. However, serious complications may result when it is left untreated. Long-term complications in men may include epididymitis, an inflammation of the testicles that can cause sterility. Long-term complications in women include Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), an infection that spreads from the vagina and cervix to the uterus and fallopian tubes. PID can lead to sterility.

Other complications in women include an ectopic pregnancy, a pregnancy outside the uterus and perihepatitis, an infection around the liver. Both men and women may suffer from arthritis, skin problems and other organ infections. "To avoid these problems, just make sure you know your partner before having sexual relations," freshman Josh McGaffic said.

Gonorrhea is treated with penicillin or other antibiotics in pill form. It is important that all of the antibiotics are taken, and that the infected person refrain from sexual intercourse during treatment.

Abstinence from both genital and oral sex is the only way to guarantee protection from gonorrhea and other STDs. People can lower the risk of infection by limiting the number of sexual partners and using a condom.

People who believe they have infections should avoid sexual contact and visit a local STD clinic, hospital or doctor.

"Be careful and don't let your heart and emotions take over your brain. Use protection; there is no excuse," sophomore Kara Stivason said.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Chlamydia infects 3-4 million people annually

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

This Valentine's Day weekend, love might not be the only thing you share with your date. Every day, 33,000 Americans get an STD, and at least one in four Americans will have an STD at some time in their lives.

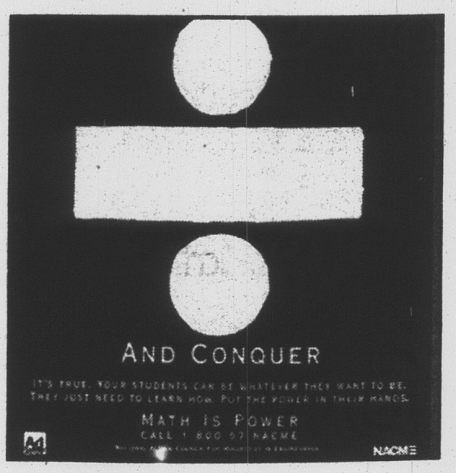
Tarol Donnelly of Family Health Council in New Castle is concerned that young Americans are not well-informed about the most common STDs.

"The two most prevalent sexually transmitted diseases are Chlamydia and Human Papillomavirus, commonly known as HPV," Donnelly said. "These STDs are extremely prevalent in college students."

Chlamydia is an infection caused by sexually transmitted bacteria. Each year, between three and four million people contract this STD. The infection may manifest in painful infections of human reproductive organs that, when left untreated, may lead to infertility in both men and women.

Seventy-five percent of people with the STD have no symptoms. Some affected men and women may notice mucus-like discharge and discomfort while urinating. Chlamydia is a bacterial infection that is treatable with antibiotics.

If you feel that you have any symptoms for chlamydia, contact the Family Health Council in New Castle at 724-658-6681. You can also make an appointment to see the physicians at the campus health center.



AIDS education helps prevent spread of HIV

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

AIDS was first discovered in America in 1981, since it has become one of the most feared diseases in the world today. Although the disease is a threat around the globe, it should also be a major concern to college students.

In the past 20 years, widespread AIDS education in the United States has helped curb the outbreak of the disease. The deadly disease, however, continues to spread rapidly in other countries.

An estimated 25 million people have been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, about one out of every 10 people. About one million people in the United States. are currently living with HIV or AIDS, only about one out of every 250 people.

The alarming aspect of those statistics is the number of young people who, despite new knowledge about the prevention of AIDS, are diagnosed each year. Roughly 70,000 Americans between the ages of 16 and 23 are currently infected with HIV or AIDS. Each year, about 19,000 people under the age of 24 will become infected in the United States, more than 50 each day.

Reasons for the surge of numbers in young people vary. Many high school and college students continue to engage in behavior that can potentially transmit the disease despite AIDS education. Also, young people are much less likely to subject themselves to AIDS testing than adults. A lack of testing means a great number of young adults who do not know they have the disease and are more likely to spread it than if they knew they were infected.

"Getting drunk or abuse of so-called light drugs like pot can impair judgment and make a person do things that that person would not normally do," said Carol McBride of Family Planning. "It might be unprotected sex or using heavier drugs just one time, but that one time could expose someone to a very deadly virus," McBride added.

Although AIDS treatments have come a long way over the years, there is still no cure for the disease. Also, treatments are extensive, expensive and come with serious medical side effects. Medical experts still agree that education, prevention and testing are the best ways to control the spread of AIDS.

To learn more about AIDS prevention, visit the International AIDS Education and Reseach Charity website at www.avert.org, or the website for the Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/hiv.

For up to six months after someone is infected with HIV, it is still possible for the test results to come back negative. It is important that after receiving a negative result from an HIV test that people get tested again in six months.

To schedule an appointment for a free and confidential HIV and comprehensive STD test, call Greenville Family Planning at (724) 588-2272 or Grove City Family Planning at (724) 458-8505.

Holcad

Applicants are sought for the positions of **student editors** of the college student periodicals (Holcad, Argo, and Scrawl).

A candidate must be a full-time, undergraduate student who possesses at least a 2.3 minimum cumulative Q.P.A. and who plans to be enrolled at Westminster College for the next, entire academic year. Application instructions are available at the Office of Student Affairs.

ARGO

Applications are to be submitted to:
Bryan Rennie, Chair and Secretary of the Student Publications Board,
no later than the end of the first full week of March. They are to include the following materials:

1. Resumé.
2. Writing Samples; up to three samples totaling no more than 10 pages (3,000 words).
3. A Letter of Application that describes the applicant's goals for the publication, as well as the methods and personal skills that will be used to reach those goals.
4. Up to three Letters of Reference.
5. Any other materials that support the student's application.

Scrawl

Applications may be sent by mail (Patterson Hall 126) or as e-mail attachments (brennie@westminster.edu). Inquiries can be made by e-mail.

SPORTS

Titan swim teams sweep Grove City

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Both swim teams improved to 9-1 last week with a sweep over visiting PAC rival Grove City.

The Titan men defeated the invading Wolverines 114-79, while the women were victorious 120-80.

On the men's side, three swimmers posted double wins. Junior Seth Bontrager captured the 200 IM and 200 butterfly, while fellow junior Richard King took the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Sophomore Matt Buzard added two more wins in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Senior Jaime Sell led the women, winning the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle events.

Three other Titans added individual wins, while contributing to a winning 400 medley relay. Senior Stephanie Dawson won the 100 freestyle, while junior Stephanie King took the 200 breaststroke and sophomore Brittany Jardine topped the field in the 50 yard freestyle.

Freshman April Dollard looks ahead enthusiastically. "The women's and men's teams have been doing awesomely this season. We were expecting a close race against Grove City, but we came out on top. This win is giving us high expectations for our PAC meet coming up," Dollard said.

Holcad File Photo

The next swim meet is Feb. 21 at Grove City.

Both teams return to action Feb. 21 at the PAC Championship, hosted by Grove City College. The meet begins at 10 a.m.

Titans vs. Waynesburg and Thiel

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

Men lose to Waynesburg at home

The men's basketball team dropped to a record of 8-14 on the season and 1-6 against teams in the President's Athletic Conference last Wednesday with a 68-60 loss at home to Waynesburg College.

The win improved Waynesburg's record to 68-60.

The Titans managed most of the first half, up by eight points with a little over seven minutes to play. Waynesburg took over from there, ending the half by a three-point lead.

The second half was a little bleaker for the Titans, who were unable to post a field goal for the first eight minutes. Waynesburg took this opportunity to build a 10-point lead with a little over 13 minutes left in the half.

The Titans attempted a comeback late in the half, tying the game at 56 with a lay-up off the hands of freshman Pat O'Connor. It wasn't enough to keep Waynesburg from posting 12 more points in the last three minutes to get the win.

Despite the loss, the Titans had their share of heroes. Junior guard Jeff Simmons racked up 11 points in the contest. Junior center Greg Foster posted a team-high 10 rebounds and junior Rick Giordano contributed a team-high four assists.

Men 9-14 after win against Thiel

Then Titan men's basketball team improved its record to 9-14 on the season and 2-6 against PAC teams at home on Feb. 9 with a 60-58 win against PAC rival Thiel College.

The game opened in Thiel's favor with the Tomcats managing a one-point margin over the Titans. The Titans rallied, however, and with eight minutes in the half forged a 20-11 lead. They carried the lead into halftime.

The Tomcats sprang ahead early in the second half, upping the score to 40-39 with 13 minutes to play. Westminster came back for good shortly with a narrow lead until the Tomcats tied the game at 58.

Freshman guard Chris Hatch clinched the game for the Titans with a jump shot five seconds before the end of the game.

The game's Titan heroes included junior guard Jeff Simmons and freshman Pat O'Connor, both of whom racked up 14 points during the contest. Junior center Greg Foster claimed 13 points and a team-high 17 rebounds, and junior guard Rick Giordano came out of the contest with a team-high six assists.

Lady Titans win against Waynesburg 84-42

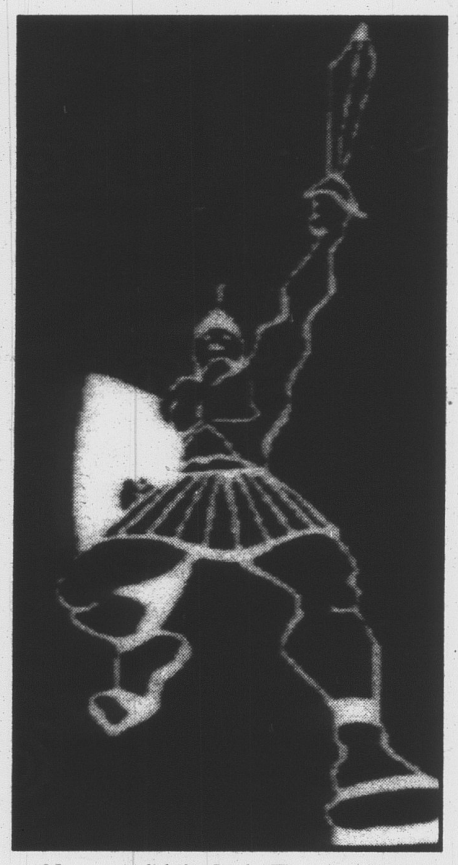
The Lady Titan basketball team blazed past Waynesburg College with an 84-42 victory at home on Feb. 2. This makes six consecutive wins for the Lady Titans, who boosted their record to 11-8 overall and 6-1 against teams in the PAC.

Although Waynesburg scored the game's first basket, the Titans claimed the next eight points, never to trail again. By halftime, the Titans were up by 22 points, and Waynesburg never got within 22 points of the Titans during the whole second half.

Junior Samor Himes and freshman Erica Tallo led scoring in the game, each with 14 points and seven rebounds. Senior guard Robin Thayer racked up 12 points and junior guards Jamie Lynn and Kristen Karatinos contributed four assists each.

Thiel no match for the Lady Titans

The Lady Titan basketball team racked up their second win of the week on Feb 9 with a 77-55 win at home against PAC rival Thiel College. This is the seventh straight win for the Lady Titans, who increased their record to 12-8 on the season and 7-1 against teams in the PAC.



Not once did the Lady Titans trail during the game; they forged a 9-0 lead in the first four minutes of the contest. They soon developed this lead into a 20-point margin with eight minutes left in the half. Thiel managed to cut the lead to 13 points late in the first half.

That's as close as they would get.

Titan heroes for the game included junior guard Ashley Kenney, who posted 13 points and freshmen Erica Tallo and Alyson Gasper each racked up 10 points in the contest. Junior forward Samor Himes contributed a team-high 10 rebounds. Himes and junior guard Jen Petures each posted five assists.

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

The Oympics are perhaps the greatest series of sporting events in the world. Not only do citizens join together to support their fellow countrymen, but fans from around the world join in on the festivities. I appreciate the Olympics for the passion of the athletes. These are men and women who truly love their sports. Most are not paid millions of dollars to compete, yet they risk their lives and limbs to be the best and win a piece of gold and a lifetime of pride and memories.

The history of the Olympics adds to the glory of the games. The following is a list of facts from the first games to the 2000 Olympics that show the history and tradition that accompany the Olympic Games (compiled from http://www.topendsports.com/olympics/summer/trivia.htm).

- At the first games (Athens 1896) silver medals were awarded to the winners and bronze to the second place winners. The first modern Games were hardly an international competition. Only 13 nations took part, with just over 300 athletes, more than two-thirds of whom were Greek.

- The first woman to win an Olympic event was England's Charlotte Cooper, who won the tennis singles at the 1900 Paris games.

- The 1904 St. Lois Games was still short of being a true international competition. Eighty-five percent of the competitors were American, and eight percent were Canadian. There was only one competitor from Australia, and no British competitors at all.

- The star of the 1912 Stockholm Games was the American Indian Jim Thorpe, who won both the decathlon and pentathlon. However, in the following year it was discovered that he once played semi-professional baseball, and he was subsequently stripped of his gold medals.

- Ice hockey made its first appearance at the 1920 Antwerp Games, before the first Winter Olympics in 1924.

- The idea of an Olympic Flame burning from the start of the games to the finish was first introduced in 1928 Amsterdam.

- American Mildred "Babe" Didriksen won medals in high jumping, hurdling and the javelin in 1932 in Los Angeles. She is the only athlete to ever medal in all three events.

- The start of World War II in 1939 forced the cancellation of the 1940 Olympics, which were supposed to be held in Tokyo. This was after they had gone to the trouble of building a huge stadium.

- The Soviet Union first entered the Helsinki Olympic Games in 1952. Also, in 1952, Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia became the only man to win gold medals in the 5000 meters, the 10,000 meters, and the marathon in the same Olympiad.

- Ethiopian marathoner Abebe Bikila was the first man to successfully defend the marathon title. (1960 and 1964). He only wore shoes for the second victory.

- British Equestrian, Lorna Johnstone was 70 years and 5 days old when she rode at the 1972 Munich Games, thus being the oldest woman ever to compete in the Olympic Games. Also, Mark Spitz from USA won seven gold medals at the Munich Games, and won them all in world record time.

- No gymnast had ever achieved a perfect score of 10, until Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci scored perfect 10s seven times at the 1976 Montreal games.

- Until the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, baseball was restricted to amateurs. Now professional players will be admitted.

Olympic games obtain additional funding for security

By Kristen Nicklin
STAFF WRITER

The Olympic games will be held Feb. 8-24 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Due to the threat of terrorism at this high profile event, Olympic officials and Utah Governor Mike Leavitt are working together to increase security measures.

Since the attacks on Sept. 11, congressional representatives and Olympic officials obtained additional funding from the government in order to strengthen security at the games. An extra $24.5 million has been designated for use at the opening and closing ceremonies and other major events. Members of the Utah National Guard will be on call throughout the events. The state of Utah has prepared for any kind of attack, biological or chemical. Many organizations, such as the United States Secret Service, the FBI and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are involved in anti-terrorist security at the games.

The heightened security may not be evident to visitors and athletes. Many safety personnel will not be in uniform in order to create a less threatening environment for the spectators. The atmosphere in Salt Lake City is intended to be as comfortable as possible while maintaining the security of all involved. The athletes need not be concerned with security arrangements, as they will be able to focus on their performances while enjoying a comfortable environment.

"The Olympics are a celebration of human values that transcend politics," Governor Leavitt said. "Fate may have fallen on this city and state, but we treasure this opportunity to provide a place where the world will come together to heal." President George W. Bush told Governor Leavitt that he would be there on Feb. 8 along with the rest of America.

http://www.dced.State.ut.us/travel/olympicsecurity.html
http://www.saltlake2002.com/sloc/tickets/ticket_faq.html

Senior Robin Thayer becomes leading scorer in college history

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

I recently sat down with senior basketball star, Robin Thayer, who just became the leading scorer in Westminster history.

Brian: What or who has been the biggest influence in your career?

Thayer: My Dad has always had a positive influence on me. He has coached me throughout high school and college. He is very supportive of me and always provides me with constructive criticism.

B: What was the most significant moment of the season?

T: When we beat Bethany, on their court, in overtime, considering they had beat us by over 20 points earlier in the season.

B: What has been the most significant moment of your career?

T: Hitting the game-winning shot at the buzzer against Clarion last year.

B: What is the most important lesson you have learned from basketball, on or off the court?

T: To overcome adversity and persevere through hard times.You have to believe in yourself and your teammates if you want to succeed.

B: And finally, what is your favorite cartoon?

T: The Gummi Bears!

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

This Week in Sports

Friday, 2/15/02
ITF at Kent State Invitational - 4 p.m.

Saturday, 2/16/02
WBB at Washington & Jefferson* - 1 p.m.
MBB at Washington & Jefferson* - 3 p.m.

Monday, 2/18/02
WBB at Mount Aloysius - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/20/02
WBB VS. CASE WESTERN RESERVE - 7 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"I hate it when people fight over a stupid game."

"Why is it that all the professors don't know how to use the smart classroom technology?"

"What's the deal with people saying they're not going to say anything about what happened, then saying something when you're very much so in hearing distance?"

"I hate it when people can't compromise."

"Why is it that you can get a parking ticket in Patterson for not having the right color decal, but you apparently are allowed to park in handicapped spots, and places that are not even spots in Eichenauer? Glad to see safety and security is continuing to do such a great job!"

"I love that the phone in the Down Under makes free long distance calls."

"I love the breadsticks in the cafeteria ... so soft and doughy."

"I thank God for the awesome people here that care for and love me."

"The saying goes, 'You can't put a price on love,' but AT&T does it every month."

"Why do people who are not handicapped have to use the button to open the doors? Are they that lazy?"

"SGA did an awesome job organizing the *Lion King* trip. It was so much fun."

"Thanks for putting up no parking signs outside Shaw. I like being able to walk to class and not get run over."

"Why would anyone want to steal something from the art gallery? You're seriously giving us all a bad name. Shape up and grow up."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Forced volunteerism

We have all snickered as we've performed our "mandatory volunteer work" necessary in order to graduate. We've jokingly referred to it as "forced volunteerism," but beneath that cheerful good humor, some of us really do resent it.

What is it about being forced to do good that really pushes our buttons? Community service is, after all, just one of the many things we have agreed to do for a degree.

In the undergraduate catalog, the requirement is explained quite clearly.

"A natural outgrowth of the faith heritage of Westminster College is the existence of a graduation requirement that provides opportunity for all students to engage in a community-based learning experience."

Even while we think of our work with the community as "volunteerism," it's not. It's simply community service. There is a difference. The word "volunteer" does not come into play at all; the catalog is pretty up front about that. It's not a contradiction of terms. It is something that must be done to graduate.

So why all the fuss? Everyone complains about the other college requirements to some degree, but the community service seems to get the most attention.

We are required to take physical fitness classes to graduate. We are required to take classes outside our major. We are required to attend classes within our major for that matter and to find an internship. We agreed not only to do all this, but to pay for it as well.

All whining about service should fall on deaf ears because each of us agreed to all this when we sent in our deposit and decided to spend the next four years at Westminster. If students want to disregard these requirements, that's fine. They just won't get their degrees. That was the deal.

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We volunteered ourselves to everything listed in the undergraduate catalog. It was all there, in black and white ... no tricks, no switch-ups, just good, old-fashioned, forthright college requirements.

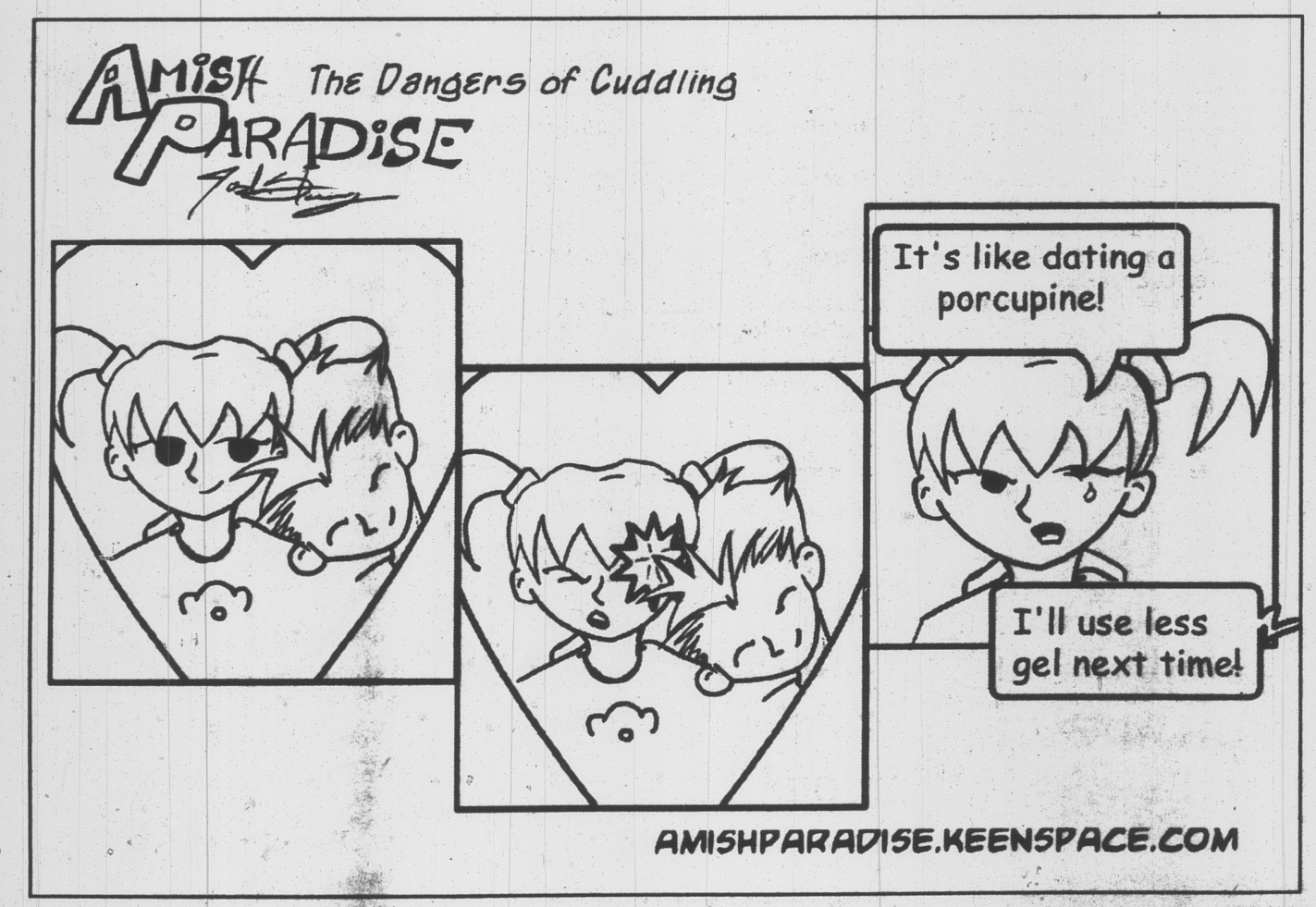
This is not, however, to say we don't have the right to question what the college deems worthy of our time and attention. We have every right to examine how (if at all) each requirement benefits us and others.

If everyone had considered these issues before choosing to come here, complaints would be kept to a minimum. But as most of us were too excited when we were accepted to think clearly, we may only have realized that this was part of the curriculum after we were already here.

So why the community service? Forget for a moment that it looks good on a resume. Forget that we might actually help someone or make something better. The number one, most selfish reason we can think of is that it might actually make us better people. Maybe we might even develop a taste for it and continue our volunteer work long after we have graduated and gotten a job elsewhere.

So instead of just trying to make us educated, healthy people, the college is trying to make us more charitable and employable as well.

Those rascals.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As I was walking down the stairs of Eichenaur Hall trying to ignore the blaring alarm sound, I wondered once again why the campus has "limited-hour" doors. The one I am speaking about is the door at the bottom of the stairs on the campus side of Eichenaur. Supposedly, the hours on the door are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This is hardly even true as the door is locked all day on the weekends and sometimes the alarm is not turned off until well past 7 a.m. on the weekdays.

The alarm on the door seems to have no point to me. It is tripped at least several times each week and drives everyone living on first or second north crazy from the sound. There are obviously cases when the alarm is set off accidentally, but many times people who know better just walk through the door when the alarm is set. Why not just leave the door locked from both sides or open permanently? Walking out around the main door only takes about 100 feet of extra walking distance. Removing the alarm or locking the door would save the residents, residence assistants, and security a lot of hassle.

Sincerely,

Matt Lauffer

Dear Editor,

I was troubled by the "Our View" column of the Feb 8th edition of the Holcad entitled "Romance vs liberation." The author asserts that women's liberation is to blame for a decrease in romance. Apparently, women will "either want romance or be adamantly independent." To juxtapose the two is a horrid misstatement. There's a difference between romantic and chauvinistic. Independent women (You go, girls!) who don't need or want to be treated like children desire romance, too. Who doesn't?!

I not only feel sorry for the author's view of feminism as a roadblock to romance, but also that he or she holds such a narrow definition of what is deemed as the pinnacle of romance. According to "Our View," real romance consists of a man taking a woman out to a fancy, high-priced restaurant. However, true romance need not be so expensive or, dare I say, dull. I once packed a surprise picnic lunch for an ex-girlfriend. It was cheap (Thank you, dining hall.) and took a lot more thought than opening a phone book to find a restaurant. Plus, what really counts is that she enjoyed the day almost as much as I did planning it. Now that's romantic.

Sincerely,

Christian Reifsteck

Dear Editors,

In these dark times, I think it is time to welcome to our hearts and minds the one who wrote avidly on the misgivings of Westminster College, which is always in her state of Grace, in phrases such as "glorious, grand and true." Since this is our sesquicentennial year, may the news that I have be a gift to you all that owe so much to this fine institution of higher learning. May we never lose sight of what this place means to us now or when we are tossed into the real world outside the bubble that has kept us from the infidels.

Granted, I have labored on quite a bit in order to build suspense; but should I not, since we are in a great celebration that is to last the entire year of AD2002. Remember the messages that we received that this is a yearlong celebration, in which we are able to feel something special for the campus. Although, I have not heard a message of birthday celebration since, I know that this campus is quite ancient and yet so young. What a paradox, what an irony, what a place!

This may seem to be sarcastic, but never let the idea fester in your mind. I have nothing but love for this institution that has taken all the money my parents own. However, I do not write the letter for this. I write this letter to welcome back a true son of the college, which many have missed during his Leave-of-Absence. His leave took him from his home—not here—to other places European. Yes, he has seen the advent of the Euro in practice; he has even seen the key-card a la Westminster—trying to make Westminster more cultural, do forgive me.

I think it is time now to give a hearty welcome to a man that has captured our hearts, our fears, our grievances, and our sorrows in his letters to the editor. So, with a glass of good cheer, let us, Westminster, toast him, your son, my roommate and friend: William Jester. Bill, may you always be "glorious, grand and true" all the days of your life, and welcome back to what is to be a fantastic year of construction, parking hassles, and, most importantly, firework extravaganzas.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kostovny

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

In the Bedroom

Brad Dell

My partner in critical crime, Tyler, joined me last Saturday to view the independent film turned Oscar Best Picture nominee, *In the Bedroom*. We walked out of the theatre with our jaws at our knees, striving to catch our breath, and looking for the perfect word to describe such a flawless film. We came up with boiling (that was mine), and jarring (Tyler).

From the first quaint, whimsical image of two lovers running through a high-grassed field, director Todd Field creates a seemingly peaceful world that is bubbling on the periphery. The lovers in the field are college boy Frank Fowler (played by grown up child actor Nick Stahl of *The Man Without a Face* fame), and the divorced mother of two Natalie Strout (a gorgeous and sensuous, Marisa Tomei).

The first half hour of the film shows this loving relationship battling the age difference, and reservations from Frank's parents, Matt and Ruth Fowler (Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek). But when Natalie's ex-husband returns to the house, all hell breaks loose and a horrible event occurs. Without giving too much away, the rest of the film deals with the parents' reaction to this dreadful moment.

Tomei gives a gutsy, emotionally charged performance as the romantic, but tragic girlfriend. Stahl offers himself completely to a very lack-lustre, low-dimensional role. But the truly powerful displays come from veteran actors Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson as the destroyed Fowler parents. As their world unravels around them, it is their relationship that suffers the most.

Spacek certainly has the more flashy role - the brooding, then screaming mother and wife. But this film belongs to Tom Wilkinson. His subtle, gentle, and devoted portrayal of father and husband is certainly one of the best performances of the year. I am thrilled that he is nominated for an Oscar. (I'm glad that Spacek was as well, but I'm less certain that she deserves to win.)

Above and beyond the stellar acting in this grudgingly powerful flick is one of the most creative directing concepts that I've ever seen. This film is made up of shots and scenes that would usually be left on the cutting room floor. In order to build the bubbling, boiling tone, Field shoots this movie at the periphery of the conflict. Rather than showing us the sex scenes, violent scenes and heavy confrontations, we get the precursor and aftermath moments instead. The camera also acts as a sort of distant observer to the unfolding events. Field regularly shoots through windows, and reflected in mirrors. These transparent facades place an awkward gap between us and the action. The camera is also mostly stationary, allowing us to almost stare at the people in the room.

By revealing the plot through these stilted transparencies, a heated, bubbling suspense builds to an explosive climax. At this fiery moment, Field breaks all his rules, and uses a shaky hand-held camera approach as he follows the sweeping movements of conflict at its highest octane. This moment is such a deviation from the norm of this film that it shocked me right out of my seat, and offered a satisfying explosion of the bubbling lava beneath the translucent façade of this film.

Field also brilliantly employs the close up to illustrate the psychological importance of this story. Combining this cinematic trick with many angled lines, window frames and Venetian blinds, Field creates a psychological world on the verge of destruction.

As a stage director, I am always on the look out for effective blocking (the act of positioning the actors around the stage). In the Bedroom utilizes this director's tool spectacularly. The actors (Spacek in particular) are constantly doing something as they are conversing with their scene partners. She's always washing dishes, smoking, making dinner, conducting a choir. The film shows these characters not just in the context of the story it is telling, but as real live people with jobs, responsibilities and daily tasks. This is a subtle, clever and expertly executed directorial endeavor.

In the Bedroom is a combination of *American Beauty* and *Fargo*, with a screenplay that is so bleak, that only the most essential words remain to verbalize this startling tale.

I left this film wowed and shaken. It took me several hours to get out of the severe funk I received in the bedroom. So tragic, yet so true. I was jarred, touched, and thrilled and I can't help but give it a perfect four boiling, exploding stars.

Brad's Oscar Buzz: So, the Oscar nominations were announced on Tuesday. Here are a few exciting surprises: The gritty Ethan Hawke was nominated for *Training Day*. Two great performances (Sean Penn and Will Smith) were given the nod for best actor for two below average films - *Ali* and *I Am Sam*. *Gosford Park* beat out *The Royal Tanenbaums* and *Black Hawk Down* for the fifth best picture slot. And finally, I beg the Academy ... why no nomination for Todd Field? Until next time, keep yourselves abuzz!

Tyler Domske

Well, *In the Bedroom* is probably not going to get my vote for "feel good movie of the year." But it is one of the best movies to come out in the past year.

It is superbly acted, beautifully directed and effectively written. All that being said, I wouldn't recommend this movie to anyone. Here's why:

The movie begins simply enough. It is the story of a young college student and his two parents, and their reaction to his summer relationship with a woman who has two children and is separated from her volatile husband.

Once the movie hits the half hour mark though, something happens that is so completely unsettling, I didn't fully recover from it until about an hour after the movie was over. My scruples as a reviewer prevent me from divulging the moment, as it gives away the main thrust of the movie, but rest assured, it is harsh and unexpected. If I could describe the movie in one word, it would be jarring.

There are scores of movies that set out to be unsettling, but none succeeds as well. The main intention is not to shock you, but the impact is so effective here because this movie is about real relationships, and how those relationships deal with an event such as this one, rather than the event itself.

The movie is amazing because it really seems to be about anxiety more than anything else. We are consistently shown the scenes before or after confrontations, and so we are only exposed to the effects of them.

The average movie would include the confrontations and leave out the quiet moments. *In the Bedroom* has a far more realistic tone, since life is actually filled with more contemplative times than confrontational times.

Director Todd Field's choices are spot on every time. This movie is a perfectly constructed tale. It affects you in ways that few films do. You don't watch this movie, you experience it. A large part of this is due to Tom Wilkinson, the patriarch. We experience the simmering pain through him, and see it distorted through his icy wife, played by Sissy Spacek. Wilkinson is able to convey the pain and frustration with such realism and feeling that it resonates on the screen. That is truly fine acting.

So my grade is tricky and needs a qualifier:

Grade: A+, this movie could not be better.

Worth: I would not recommend going to this movie.It is one of the finest examples of story telling I have ever seen, but I think that if you can avoid the emotional throws that this movie puts you through, you really should. You'll thank me.

So now onto a bit of talk about the Academy Award nominations that came out this Tuesday. Now keep in mind that these are a first draft, and I may change them as Oscar time pulls closer and I get a better understanding of all the nominees, but here's my first thoughts:

Best Picture: All great picks (*In the Bedroom, A Beautiful Mind, Godsford Park, LOTR: The Fellowship of the Ring*) and one annoying one (*Moulin Rouge*). *Moulin Rouge* is like a hyperactive kid that won't sit still. Ewan McGreggor acts the heck out of that role, but I still could barely get through it. My bet and my pick: *Lord of the Rings* – straight up the best movie this year. If it doesn't win then I give up on the Oscars.

Best Actor: This may be the hardest category to pick, but I'm pulling for Denzel. A truly powerhouse performance that can't slip by the Academy again.

Best Actress: Nicole Kidman wins the "Tom Cruise Award For Most Over-rated Nominee" this year. A close second is Renee Zellweger. My bet here is Halle Berry, though this is currently my least educated category.

Best Supporting Actor: Some strong contenders here, but Ian McKellen really deserves it far more than any other here.

Best Supporting Actress: Jennifer Connelly and Marisa Tomei (did I say that?) both give absolutely fantastic performances, but I have to say I'd give the edge to Marisa Tomei (don't tell anyone I said that).

Best Director: Though Ron Howard is tempting, I can't deny the sweeping beauty of Peter Jackson's work on *Lord of the Rings*.

Screenplay, Original: *Memento*. If you asked me, this one deserves a Best Picture nod, too, but what are you gonna do?

Screenplay, Adapted: This one might be one of the hardest categories. All the picks are great. My bet is that it's between *In the Bedroom* or *Lord of the Rings*.

So that's all for now. Happy Valentine's Day, Grandma.

Got the Valentine's blues? Four simple suggestions to lift the spirit

By Beth Staley
STAFF WRITER

Despite wishful thinking, I realize that not everyone had an ideal Valentine's Day. If you are one of the unlucky ones who has already pushed Valentine's Day into the back of your mind with other repressed memories, then please enjoy my list of things to do in order to recover from the bad day.

Post Valentine's Day Blues: Beth's List of Things to Do

1. Go to a supermarket and purchase the special Valentine's Day candy—it should be on sale. Grab some of your other friends who have the blues, and just have a sugar-fest.

2. Once you come down from your sugar high, you will need to boost yourself once more. So why not work out? Stop by at the gym or sign up for an aerobics or yoga class. Once you feel those endorphins lifting your self-esteem, you'll only be looking ahead—not behind to the bad day.

3. Buy yourself something that you don't need. Now, I realize that most of us are poor college students, and we can't afford professional massages or personal tanning beds. So, go to the dollar store and pick out something extra special—like a glittery barrette, crappy picture frame, or a ceramic duck statue. You can find a lovely ceramic duck to match the colors in your room—blue, lime green and magenta are just a few of your many choices. Also, you may log onto e-bay to find other cheap treasures. Just because you can't win over your dreamboat, doesn't mean you can't win a corny auction. Don't underestimate the power of winning.

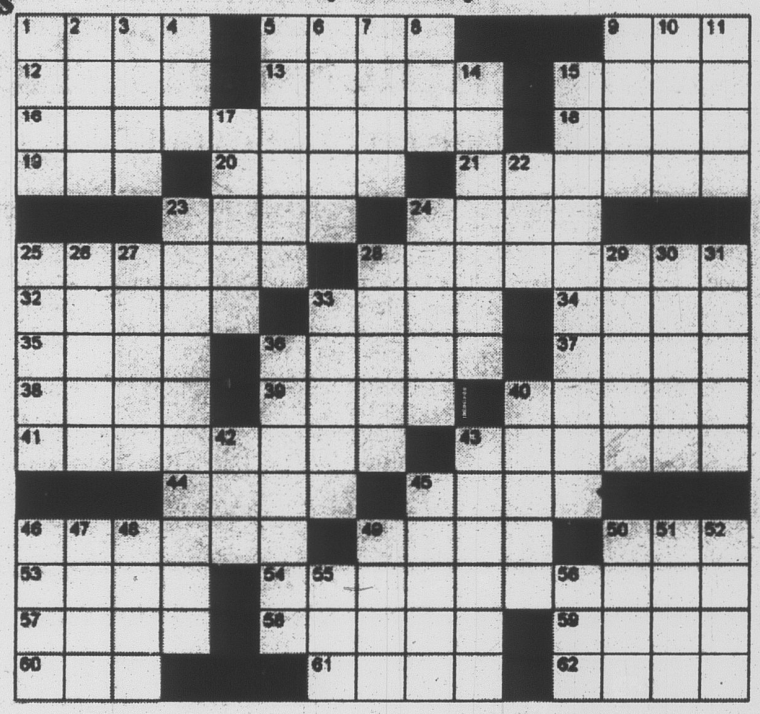
4. So you're starting to feel better and you've treated yourself to something special. Are you still feeling somewhat immature? Do you still despise all the happy couples smiling directly at you? Don't trip them, throw something at them, or swear at them. Channel your immaturity in a more positive way. Go to the toy store and play with those gigantic bouncy balls. Spend your loose change on those little machines in front of grocery stores—you're bound to get a cool keychain, a plastic ring or a plastic football helmet. If you really need to liberate yourself, buy punching balloons and bubbles. Throw yourself a birthday party at the local roller skating rink; you don't want to be like me and break your arm roller skating elsewhere.

So, I've offered you some very valuable advice. If any of you take my advice and find it particularly advantageous or un-satisfactory, please e-mail me with your personal experience, and I'll include it in the Holcad. Personally, I intend to throw myself a birthday party at the local roller skating rink. I'll let you know when it is. I would really like you to come.

Crossword 101

Time on Your Hands

By Ed Canty



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21 Try out
23 Legendary archer
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25 Bearish
28 Lunch counter
32 Jim Bakker's ex
33 1930's dance
34 Comfort
35 Parisian concept
36 Blast
37 Additional
38 Aloha in Milan
39 Helper
40 Zip along
41 Fighter pilot's unit
43 Dressers
44 Jerk
45 Go-getter
46 Fast Spanish dance
49 Hawkeye State
50 Prosciuto
53 Opera feature
54 Cold season
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Down

1 H.S. requirement
2 Hodgepodge
3 More than one
4 Plumber's joint
5 Fastener
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10 Tough exam
11 Shakespeare's Hathaway
14 Soothe
15 Clock radio, e.g.
17 Very small
22 Curve
23 Fall
24 Small drum
25 New York city
26 Circle measurements
27 Slanderous defamation
28 A window hanging
29 Bundles
30 Valuable quality
31 Walter and Donna
33 Slippery
36 Nightbird
40 Shave off
42 Sculler's need
43 Crouches
45 Showered with love
46 Word before eagle
47 Nabisco output
48 Property right
49 Division word
50 Sign up
51 Uh-huh in church
52 Filet mignon, e.g.
55 Author Fleming
56 Restaurant bill

Quotable Quote

A man with a watch knows what time it is. A man with two watches is never sure.

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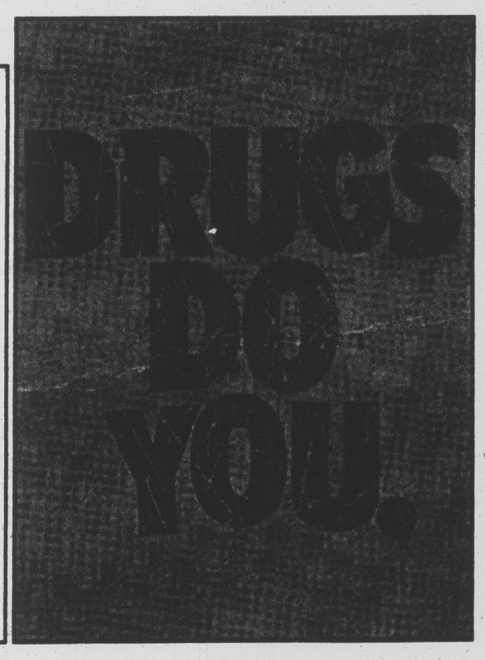


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
If you insist on perfection you will be in for considerable frustration. Be willing to relax your rather unreasonable standards, not everyone in your circle will live up to those expectations, no matter how hard they try.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
There are changes that need to be made at home. Even though your suggestions may not be met with enthusiasm, go ahead anyway, in the long run you'll be glad you pushed. Take time out for yourself, it is essential to your peace of mind.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Usual routines may be altered due to unexpected situations that arise. Nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy and compassion at work, more will get accomplished this way instead of playing dictator. Act from your heart and not your head with love.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
A feeling of isolation may overtake you, so make the effort to reach out and touch someone. Relationship issues need to be attended to, so state your needs clearly. If you are feeling stuck at work, hang in there and the solution will appear with little effort at all.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Don't let your ego get the best of you, inducing you to do something really too risky at this point. If you want to advance at work, the time may not be quite right yet. You may experience an awakening in the near future which will affect your attitude.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Due to a stunning success in business, or an improvement in your love life, you feel like you're sitting on top of the world. Enjoy it. You don't have to give up anything just because things are finally going your way for a change.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Some negative feelings may arise during the week from issues about trust and betrayal. There is more than hope, there is a real opportunity for success, but only if you are willing to embrace current changes with an open mind. Be willing to listen to others' ideas.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all of your dealings, especially in issues close to your heart. Do remember in all your interactions with others that the absolute truth is quite hard to come by. You have only your personal truth and limited perspective to work with.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Concerning your love life this week, pay attention to sexual attractions and go for someone who is safe and kind. Push yourself to the limit, for you will only kick yourself later if you fail to accomplish that which is within your grasp. Don't let soul searching get out of hand.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Do something extravagant this week. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time could be your biggest commodity. Take some time for yourself. Harmony at home will bring you a great deal of satisfaction. Review your investments to see if returns can be better.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
It's time to talk about your need for independence within your closest relationships. Listen carefully to those words of love, and try to read between the lines. There are a number of things you can't do alone.

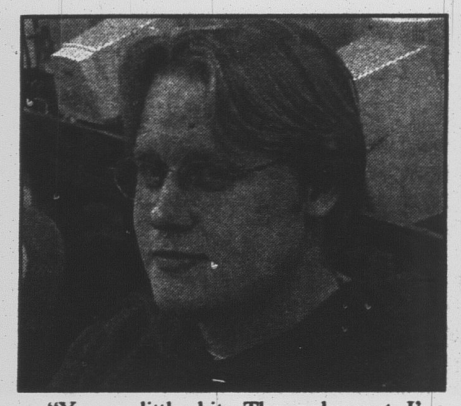
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Remove your emotional armor if you really want to get through to someone. Without such a willingness to show your own vulnerability, no one else will feel that they can trust you. The feelings that you have for someone right now are best kept secret, you'll have your chance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Most think of you as courageous and willing to jump into everything you do with zest and optimism. And you do tend to plunge in and risk dangers that others fear. This trait is definitely obvious concerning your career advancement, and sometimes in the romance department.

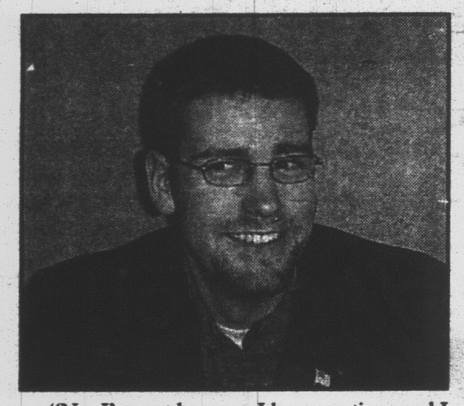
FEATURE

Question of the week: Olympics fan?

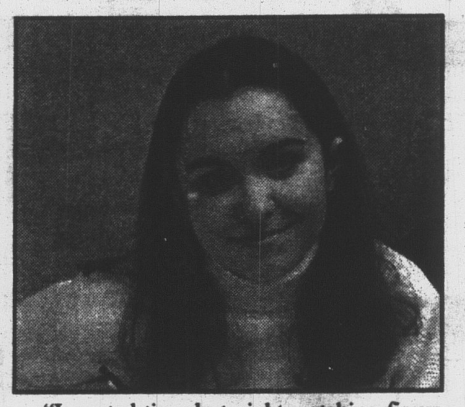
Are you watching the Olympics? If so, what is your favorite event?



"Yes, a little bit. The only part I've watched so far were the snowboarders." – **Lee Fetters, junior**



"No, I'm not because I have no time and I have no cable. But, what the hell, my favorite event would be curling." – **Chris Nave, junior**



"I wasted time last night watching figure skating. Stupid judges." – **Libby Mucciarone, sophomore**

"I like pairs figure skating. Did you see that scandal last night?" – **Rachel Stroupe, senior**

"Man, are they really going on right now?" – **Gina Bessetti, junior**

"No. I'm not a big fan of the Olympics." – **John Glista, sophomore**

"Yes, I'm watching the Olympics and my favorite sport is skating." – **Judy Compher, LLP**

"No, I'm not watching the Olympics … I don't have the time and I don't really care." – **Jess Lohr, junior**

"I haven't been watching. I've been busy with homework." – **Holly Daugherty, senior**

SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR NEWS

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Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

I remember that in the past, I have written articles about, or may have mentioned a few things about senioritus. Most of you are aware of what senioritus is, but only approximately 1/4 of us here are actually going through it right now.

This does not mean that we are going to slack in our classes, nor does it mean that we will altogether cease attending class. What it does mean is that we are currently feeling cranky and irritable about class, grades and college in general. I now know why college is only four years long (for most of us, anyway). If I had to spend another year at an undergraduate institution, I think I might implode.

Senior Sara Russell agrees. "I thought being a senior was supposed to be fun. Its not."

I, and many fellow seniors are ready to face that big bad world and get on with our lives. For some of us that may mean graduate school and for others that may mean entering the work force. But for all of us who are graduating in May (May 18, a Saturday, at 2:30 p.m. in the afternoon), that means no more cafeteria, no more TUB, and hopefully, no more dorm life. A steady income might be nice too.

How do I cope with this nasty disease called senioritus? I run around in circles in my dorm room screaming at the top of my lungs and throwing things at the walls. Just kidding ... I try not to think about it. This can be quite difficult when you have to get up every morning and go to class.

It is also difficult at home, especially during family functions when every one of your relatives asks what you are doing after graduation. Sometimes I just throw my hands in the air with an "I have no clue" look on my face, and other times I lie and tell them I'm going to waste my degree and work as a waitress for the rest of my life.

Neither of these reactions seems to satisfy them so I have to go through the whole "I'm waiting a semester, getting work experience and then applying to grad school" scenario. You seniors know what I mean ... isn't it annoying?

So how do I personally avoid senioritus? Well, I watch a lot of mindless television. Recently I've been sucked into those stupid television dating shows: "Blind Date," "Elimidate," "The Fifth Wheel," etc. I don't recommend these shows to anyone, but at least it is enjoyable to make fun of the contestants. I also eat a lot of chocolate and I call home a lot. I also try to avoid getting myself into situations where I have to talk about my future plans.

As much as I'd like to run away to Mexico or join the circus right now, I know I must see this school thing out.

A campus in love: 1,594 living couples met here

By Stacey Babyak
STAFF WRITER

Some young adults go to college to find themselves, to find a major or to just to have a good time. Few people ever go to school thinking they will find love that will last them a lifetime. But sometimes that's exactly what happens.

Director of the Alumni Office Mary James said, "There are currently 1,594 living couples who graduated from Westminster."

Considering how many students attend each year, divided by the years this number has been growing, there is a very small chance couples will actually go on to get married after college.

Then there are the lucky ones. The couples who knew at first sight that they shared something special.

1986 graduate Rachel Kimmich came to Westminster already familiar with the campus. She was a little sis at Phi Kappa Tau. 1985 graduate Nate Boyle was an experienced college sophomore and a member of Phi Kappa Tau. Both knew each other through socializing, but never admitted to any feelings. Finally, during Nate's senior year, they began dating, and the rest is history.

The couple exchanged their wedding vows the September after Rachel graduated. Nate worked in the business office at school between 1989 and 1999. They now live in Gibsonia, Pa. with their two children. Both have been busy celebrating the birth of their baby boy. With Valentine's Day approaching, the Boyles aren't prepared for anything romantic.

"With the new baby, we'll probably just hang out and do something with the kids," she said.

Coincidentally, Rachel also has a younger brother who married his college sweetheart and they are expecting their fourth child.

Westminster has its own happily married couple on staff. Timothy and Carolyn Cuff are no strangers to the campus. Carolyn passed notes to her crush in calculus class. This innocent flirting that started freshman year grew into love. Although they each have their own version on how they met, they must have done something right to last so many years.

Tim was the RD of Hillside when it was a male dorm and Carolyn recalls how the pranks of some students kept things interesting. One in particular occurred when some guys decided to knock over a sink, which destroyed the ceiling and flooded the bottom floor.

Photo by Kristin Park

Timothy and Carolyn Cuff

"We spent a lot of our dates cleaning up flooded bathrooms in Hillside," Carolyn said.

After graduating in 1978, the Cuffs got married and began a new life together. They decided to return to New Wilmington and their alma mater to continue the tradition of a quality education.

So next time you notice that hot boy in class or a cute girl on the quad, approach him or her and say hi. You may just meet the love of your life.

Cupid: fat boy with wings or love machine?

By Phil Falcocchio
STAFF WRITER

With Valentine's Day just behind us, love is in the air. And of course, this feeling cannot float by itself. Cupid, the little boy with wings who has become the ultimate "messenger of love," happily carries the sensation along with his bag of arrows.

Everyone is at least familiar with Cupid, but not everyone who he really is. According to mythology, he is the son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love. Other than his snazzy diaper, he dons nothing more than a bow and some arrows.

The Greek mythology gives Cupid a different name, Eros, and proclaims him as the god of love in all its manifestations. Despite his cute baby face, he is actually known as one of the oldest gods in mythology.

Students on campus have mixed reactions about Cupid and his ability to spread love.

Sophomore Scott Shankel said he was definitely ready for Cupid's arrival. "I love when that little guy comes around," he said. "I sometimes get frustrated over my love interests, and I find myself counting on his annual arrival to help me through my relationship woes. He even inspired me to take up archery a few summers ago."

Other students weren't as excited about the appearance of Cupid. Sophomore Chris Borsani said he dreaded his emergence. "I think the whole Valentine's Day thing is blown way out of proportion, and the entire holiday is just a money-making scheme," he said. "I really don't like Cupid either. In the past, he has just gotten in my way, and I have vowed to take my matters of love into my own hands."

Spring fashion preview: What's hot, what's not

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

So you didn't get that shearling and suede coat you wanted for Christmas ... well move on, spring is nearly here and with it comes some brand new trends of what is cool this season.

The top thing on everyone's mind this close to Spring Break, 22 days, is bathing suits. Whether you're male or female, choosing the perfect suit can often be a harrying experience. The best way to find the best suit for your body type is to try and try again. Be prepared to devote a full day to finding the right suit, if that is truly your mission.

Some trends in swimwear lean toward floral and bright color prints, it might be a good idea to check out some styles online so you have an idea of what you are looking for when you enter a store. Online retailers like Old Navy and J Crew have already posted numerous suits on their sites. Most of the suits will only be available through the online retailer, not at the actual stores.

Victoria's Secret Catalogue is another great place for females to find a trendy suit. They carry designer suits as well as swimwear designed especially for Victoria's Secret. All of the swimwear collection can be viewed online as well.

Flip-flops and wedge sandals are the shoe of choice for swimmers. The pareo cover up, a fabric wrap-around cloth, is also a hot item for the beach-goer who wants a little extra material on for that walk to and from the beach.

If your spring break destination involves a lot of sand, it may be wise to invest in a woven mat rather than the common beach towel. The towel alternative helps keep that pesky sand from invading your sunning space. Mats can be found at Target and other discount retailers.

Fashion magazines like Lucky, InStyle, Elle and Glamour focused on several different trends in clothing, but there was a definite move toward color and a western influence. Of course, the ever-present denim and suede was on the scene as well.

Color was everywhere from makeup to shoes to bathing suits. Busy floral patterns and bright strappy sandals to match were all the rage in Elle. There are even spring makeup collections, like the Lancôme Spring Collection, consisting of crazy eye shadow colors like lime green and fuchsia. Some of the magazines referred to this trend as resort wear or an island retreat.

The western trend appears to be highly influenced by the current denim and suede craze. Novelty Ts about cowboys and low-rider "destroyed" jeans all seem to fall into this category. Suede skirts and peasant tops have also received a lot of attention for the upcoming spring season.

Finally, InStyle came through on spring fashion trends with the most prevalent look, lace. The magazine called the spread "romantic" and showed sheer lace tops and pants, even some lace handbags. There were also lots of ruffles for shirts and skirts. Some of the more reasonably priced items featured in the magazine can be found at Express, a popular women's retailer.

SGA takes 46 students to see *The Lion King*

By Sarah Lohr
STAFF WRITER

At 7 a.m. on Saturday, 46 people boarded a bus bound for Toronto, Canada. The lack of sleep and the $30 cost seemed a small price to pay for a six time Tony-winning musical.

The trip, organized by sophomore Special Events Chair for the SGA, Stephanie Maccaglia, went off without a snag.

"I thought it went very well," Maccaglia said, "We took a great group of students and didn't have any problems."

The performance is a new take on the Walt Disney movie of the same title. Director and costume designer Julie Taymor took the Lion King on as her extended project. Taymor is known on Broadway and the silver screen for her costumes and direction.

The puppets and costumes in the musical urged viewers not to see the players as actors or actresses, but to see them as the animals they portrayed.

"The actors did a really good job of putting the characters into their costumes and not their bodies," sophomore Nate Zuzack said after attending the show.

The stage also played a major role in the impact the actors made. The highly specialized stage transitioned the players and scenery effectively. The stage included moving stairs, a large elephant skeleton, a trap door and small slits in the floor that made the puppets independently mobile.

"I really liked the scenery, and there were so many things going on that you didn't even realize the scenes had changed," sophomore Tiffany Scilla commented.

The combination of strong singing voices and intricate costumes made the show a success.

"The show was great," senior Dan DiDesiderio said, "The special effects were the best I've ever seen in a musical."

Keturah Laney, administrative representative for the event explained that the trip was originally scheduled for the fall semester, but was postponed due to the events of Sept. 11. Laney credits Maccaglia with the rescheduling and success of the trip.

"[It was] one of the best shows I've ever seen. It took my breath away," Lani said. She added that the costumes really brought the savanna animals to a country that wouldn't otherwise know them.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE 11TH ANNUAL ECC LITERARY COMPETITION entries must be postmarked by Feb. 15. Prizes will be awarded in poetry and short fiction. Winners will receive a monetary prize, and will be submitted for possible publication in the literary journal published by the Ohio Valley Literary Group and Marietta College. Winning entries will also be published in the 2002 ECC Literary Anthology. For information on how to enter, contact the Westminster College English Department or call the ECC office at (330) 569-59[illegible] or e-mail ecc@hiram.edu.

THE PITTSBURGH PUBLIC THEATER'S YOUNG COMPANY presents "The Laramie Project" by Moises Kaufman. The plot of this play tells the story of a small town's struggle to come to grips with the murder of Matthew Shepard. Directed by Jesse Berger, this production runs July 18-28 at the O'Reilly Theater in Pittsburgh. For more information, call Becky Rickard at (412) 316-8200 EXT. 737 or visit the website www.ppt.org.

A PROGRAM FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS will be held Friday, February 15, in the Chapel. We are fortunate that several members of the Board of Trustees will take time between their regular board meetings to share with us some insights into their entrepreneurial experiences. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to get to know the people who serve on the Westminster College Board of Trustees and to benefit from their experience.

9:20 - 9:50 a.m.: Len Carroll, Managing Director of Seneca Capital Management, Inc., will speak on Financing a Business Start-up.

9:50 - 10:20 a.m.: Ray and Marti Wiles, former owners and board members of Dymon, Inc., will speak on Building a Business.

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.: Jim Dewar, president of George C. Dewar, Inc., Jidola, Inc., and Johnstown Financial, will speak on Running and Growing a Family Business.

This program is presented by the Economics and Business Department and the Career Center, EXT. 7343.

THIS MESSAGE IS TO ADVISE THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY that the portable defibrillators are currently in service. Cabinets have been installed, and we have personnel qualified to operate the units at Physical Plant and the Field House. A unit is now at each location. Additionally, there will be a unit in Orr (on the wall in the south stairwell leading to the rest rooms) and one in the Security vehicle. These last two will go into operation as soon as people in these sections receive training.

Anyone interested in being trained on these units may reserve a space in a training class by sending Dean Lechner a quick E-mail. A person must be CPR qualified to operate the defibrillator. Therefore, our first class will be targeting people on campus who have a current CPR certificate. A second class will be held for people who are not qualified in either, but wish to receive the training.

The date of the first class has not been finalized yet, but we are attempting to schedule it in the following priority: Feb. 14, Feb. 20, Feb. 21. Dean Lechner will announce the actual date and on-campus location as soon as the trainer from Jameson confirms his availability.

THIS SEMESTER INTERNSHIP DAY will take place on Tuesday, Mar. 5 in Russell Dining Hall. Many employers will be here to interview students for Internships, part-time or summer jobs, and Community Service opportunities.

Some of the employers represented include Walt Disney World, the Pittsburgh Penguins, the American Red Cross, Carnegie Science Center, Magee Women's Research Institute, Pittsburgh Public Theater, and the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Sign up by Friday, Feb. 15 in the Career Center.

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WANTED: Lead guitarist and bass player for the band Sound Adjustment. Call DJ at (off campus) 724-946-9254 for more information.

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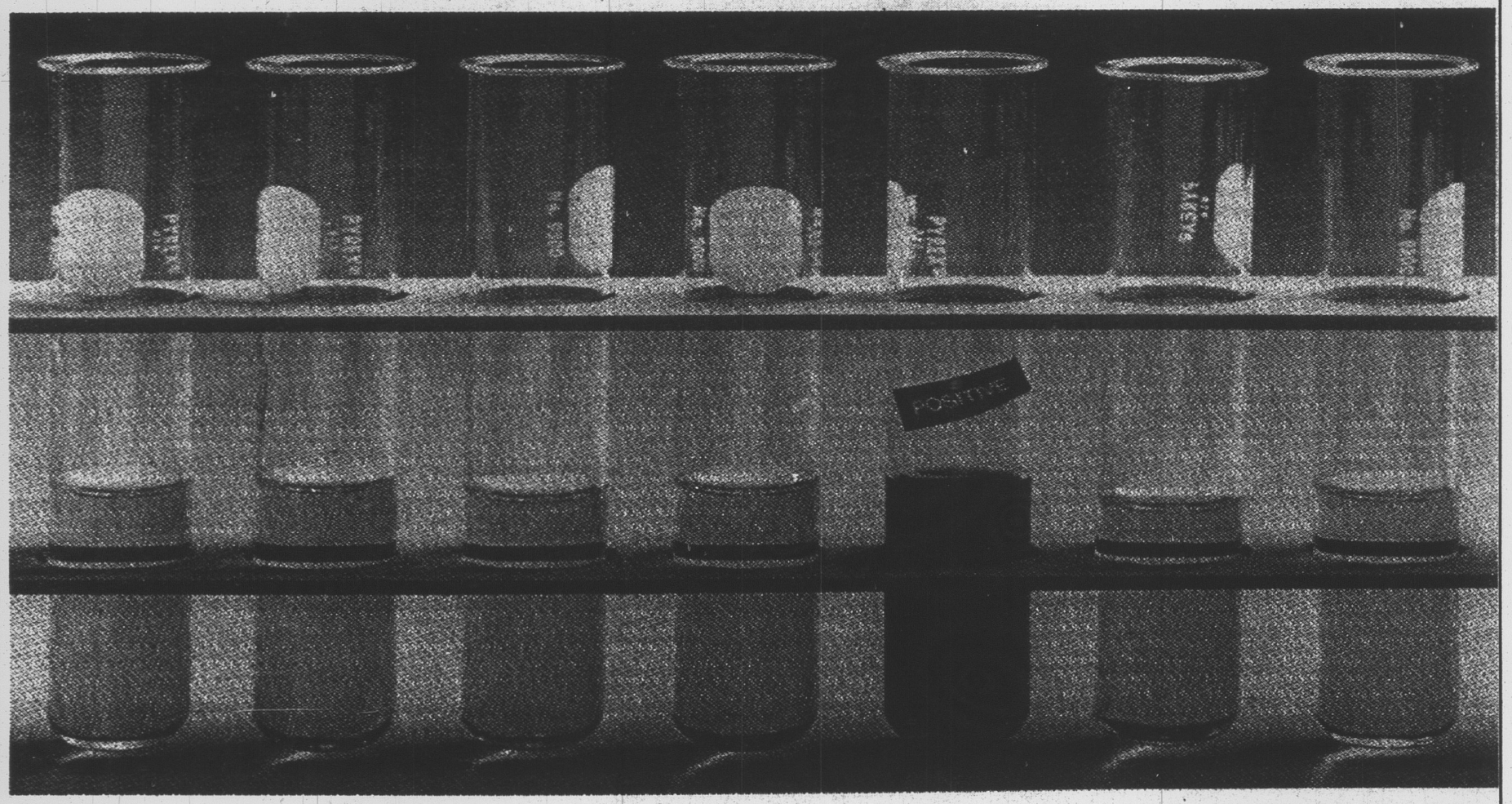

If you think the tests in college are tough, wait until your first job interview. Last year, America's businesses lost $60 billion to drugs.

So this year, most of the Fortune 500 will be administering drug tests. Failing the test means you won't be considered for employment.

After all, if you're into drugs, how smart can you be.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 15
Board of Trustees Meeting
Deadline for Intramural Sign-ups for 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Field House Lobby or Old 77 Office
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Noon to 5 p.m. Basketball 3 v. 3 Tournament — Field House
Noon to 5 p.m. Soccer Indoor 4 v. 4 Tournament — Field House
4:00 p.m. Indoor Track and Field Invitational @ Kent State University
7:00 p.m. "Gospitality": An Event for Black History Month - Orr Auditorium

SATURDAY 16
Board of Trustees Meeting
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop - Down Under
1:00 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Washington & Jefferson
3:00 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Washington & Jefferson
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

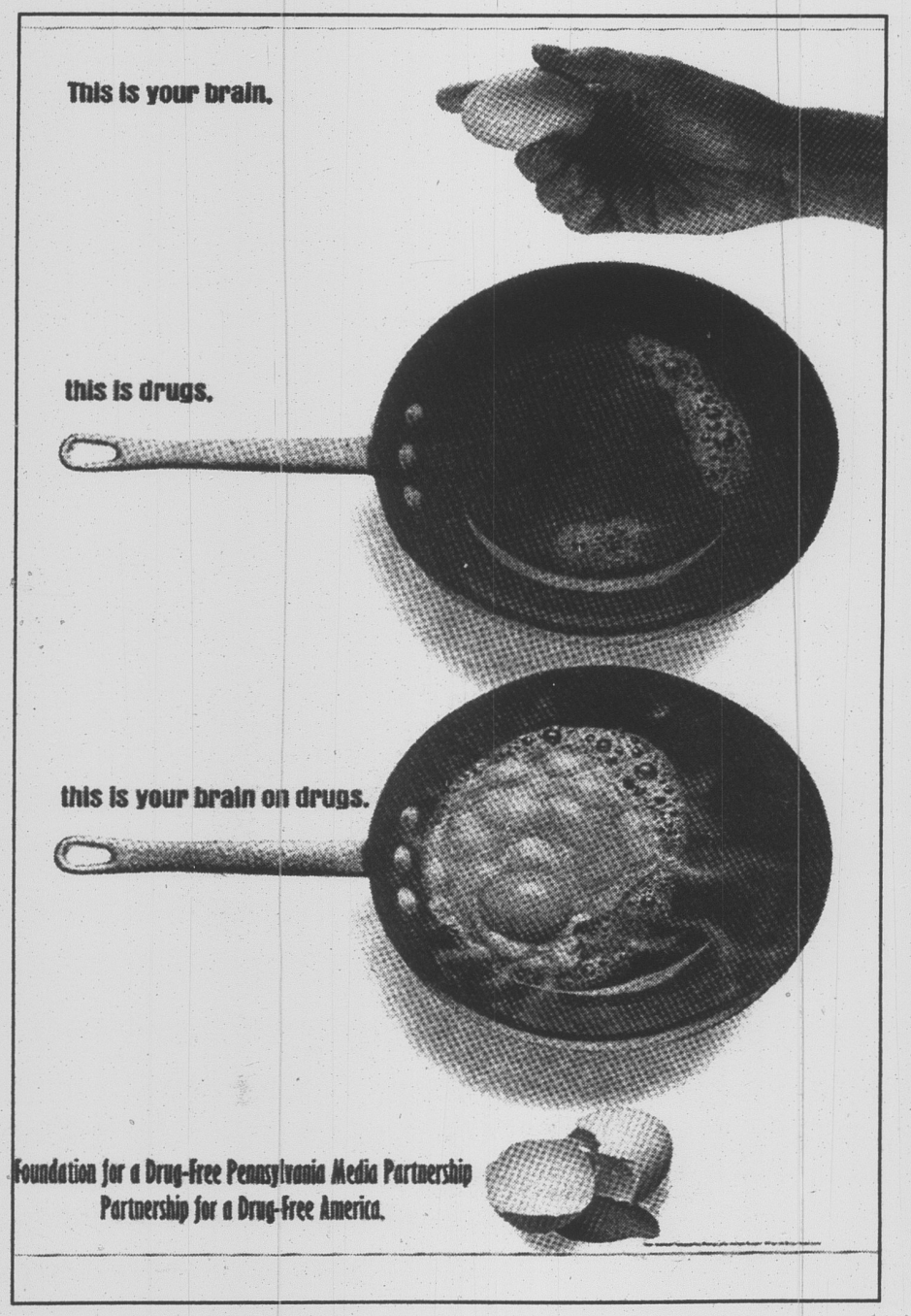
SUNDAY 17
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

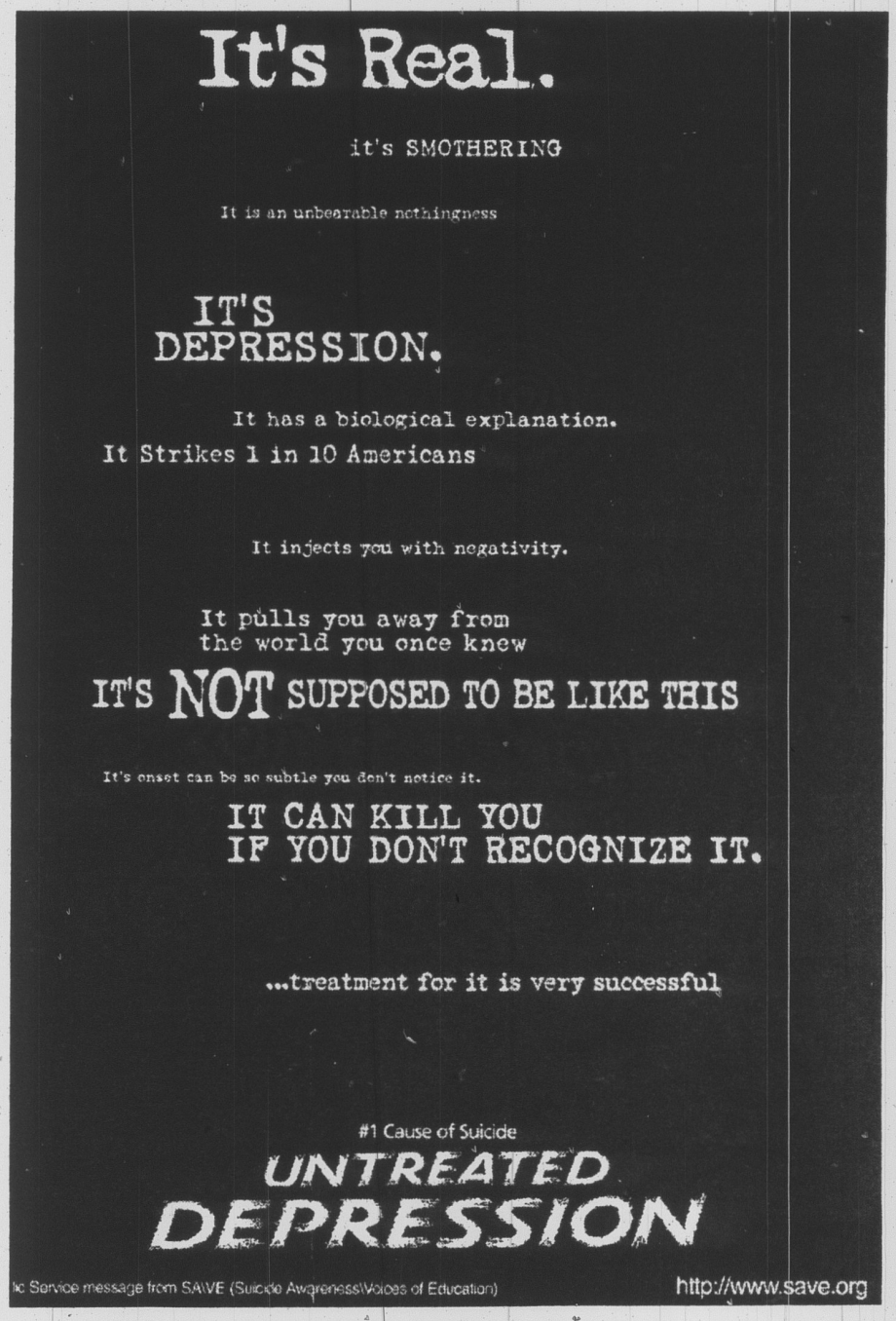
MONDAY 18
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship — Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 19
FILE FAFSA 2002
Career Center Etiquette Dinner
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Celebrate Diversity Event: Guest Speaker Arun Ghandi, grandson of Mahatma Ghandi - Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting — OM 210

WEDNESDAY 20
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: John Bonomo, "Creating Mazes Using Disjoint Sets" - PH 311
4:00 p.m. Last Lecture Series - Down Under
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve (H)
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 21
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
11:00 a.m. All-Campus Meeting - Chapel
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Body Fat Testing (Jameson Hospital Educational Services) - Student Health Center NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Biology Department Sesquicentennial Seminar Series: Dr. Joseph M. Balczon, "150 Years of Evolution" - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium and Foreign Film Festival (combined): Dr. Deborah Mitchell, discussion leader for Flirting, an Australian film - Down Under





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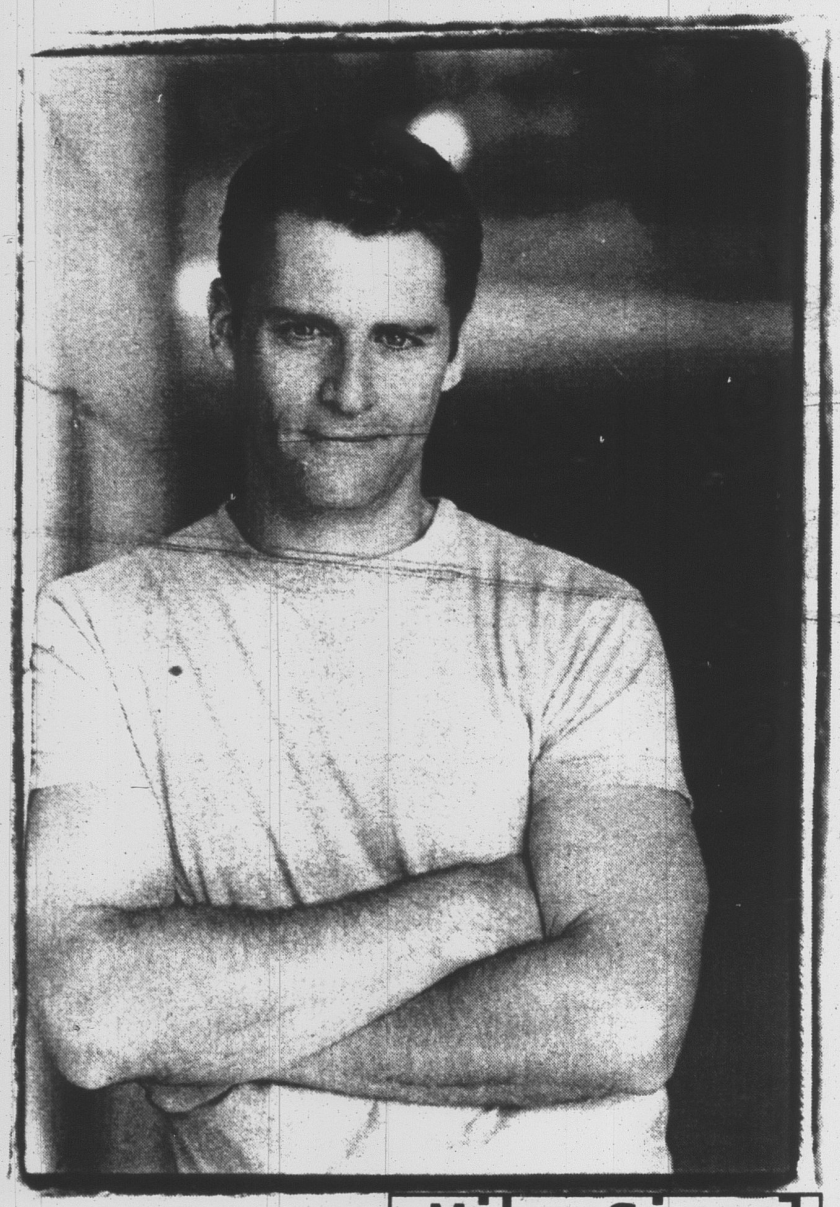


Mike Siegel

Upcoming Events:

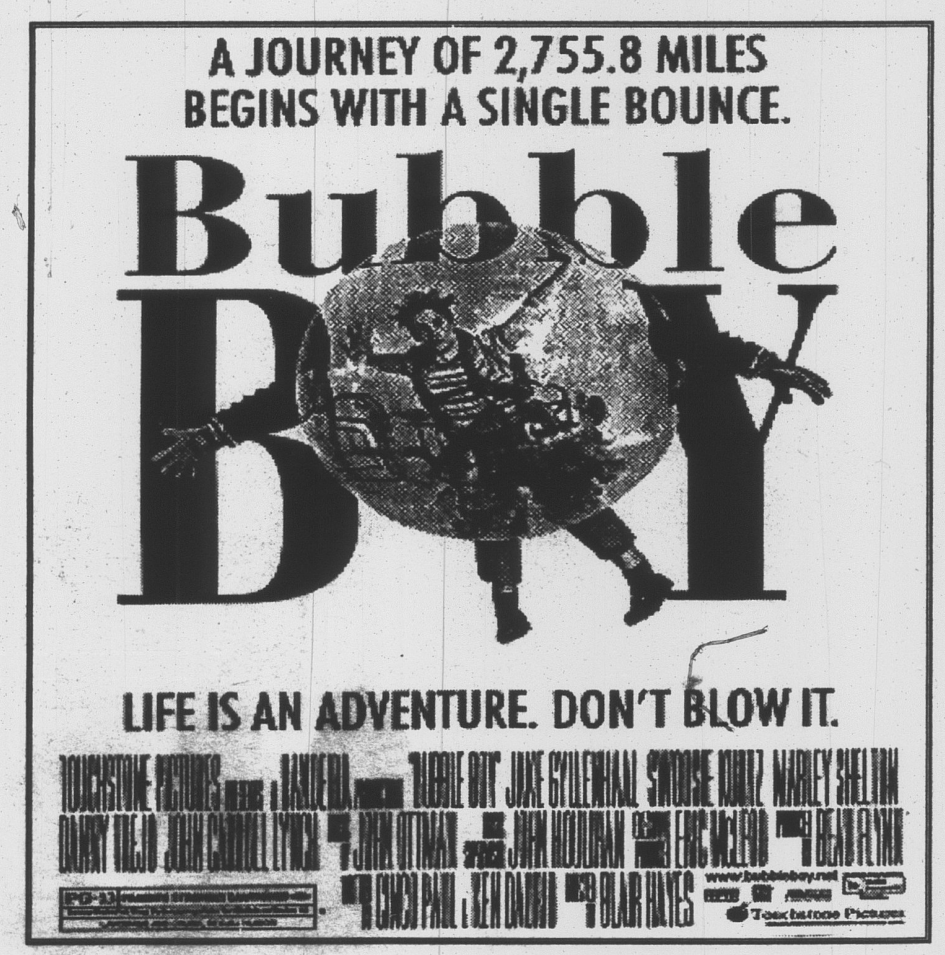
Feb 22: APO Retro Dance
Mar 1: JT's Cafe
Mar 2: Comic - TINY
Mar 22: 1 Acts
Mar 23: 1 Acts
Apr 5: JT's Cafe
Apr 6: Comic - Jon Repp
Apr 13: Comic - Steve Byrne
Apr 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend
Apr: 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe
May 4: VolleyRock

Weekend Schedule For Down Under

Friday, Feb. 15: Movie
Bubble Boy
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16:
Comic Mike Siegel
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17: Movie
Bubble Boy
9:00 p.m.



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Arun Gandhi speaks on campus

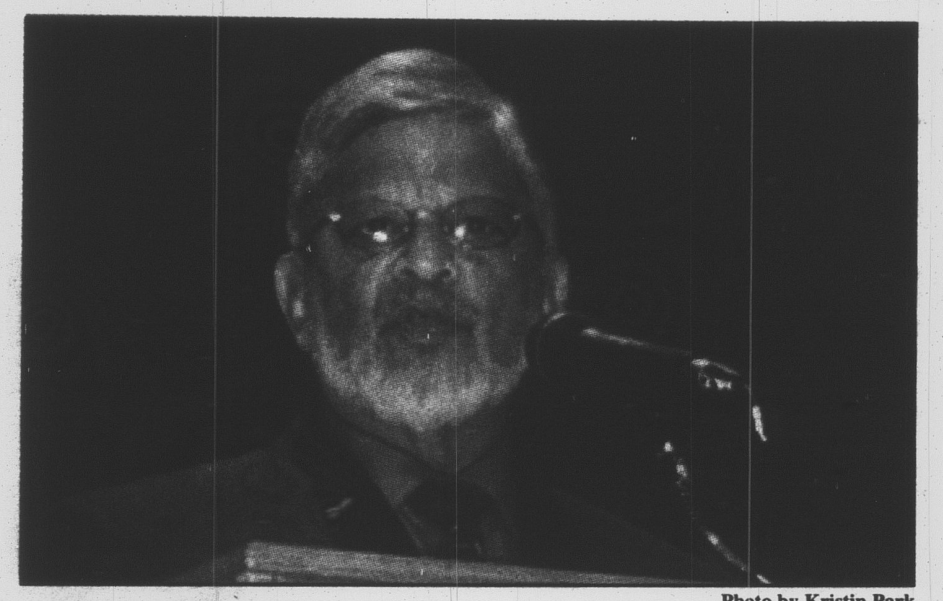

Photo by Kristin Park

Arun Gandhi

By Andi Majot
STAFF WRITER

Instead of going to the basketball game on Tuesday night, more than 700 people showed up in Orr Auditorium to listen to a man talk about his grandfather.

Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, spoke at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19.

His grandfather, Mahatma, promoted change through nonviolent resistance throughout his lifetime. In South Africa he worked to improve the rights of immigrant Indians and in India he joined the struggle for independence from Britain. Mahatma promoted peace and unity until his assassination in 1948.

Arun and his wife, Sunada, founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence based on the principles his grandfather taught him.

Following Mahatma's example, Arun promotes helping others by nonviolent means.

"We are not here by accident; we are here to fulfill a purpose."

He spoke about topics such as passive violence (acts that are wasteful or otherwise harmful to humanity) and the need to build strong relationships between people and communities.

"We are interdependent, interrelated and interconnected," he said.

He related his speech to many issues in our country today such as the Sept. 11 attacks and the state of racial relations. He said that the United States must reevaluate its foreign policy. "What we need to ask ourselves today is why are there so many people in the world who hate us so much?"

Arun put emphasis on what positive actions the United States could take. "We need to demonstrate to the world that we can also be a superpower in terms of our moral

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Show to open on Feb. 28 in Beeghly

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

Theatre Westminster is at it again. This time they present George Kaufmann and Moss Hart's American comedy classic, *You Can't Take It With You* from Feb. 28 to March 3 in Beeghly.

Senior Brad Dell is directing the play for his senior capstone, and is excited about the production.

"I can't imagine a more exciting and rewarding senior project. I feel so incredibly priveledged to be working on such a marvelous show with such an enthusiastic group of actors and talented staff," Dell said.

The play follows the story of the Sycamores, an outrageous family who must be seen to be believed. At the helm of the clan is dart-throwing Grandpa (played by senior Ryan Saeler). His son-in-law, Paul, (Craig Gottschalk) makes fireworks in the basement with his buddy, Mr. DePinna (Richard Marmura).

Mr. Depinna delivered ice to the house eight years ago and just stayed. Paul's wife, Penny, (Janis Sylves) writes plays because one day someone accidentally delivered a typewriter. The oldest daughter, Essie, (Diana Rodenhausen) practices ballet in the kitchen with Russian dance instructor Boris Kolenkhov (Andrew Huston). Essie's hus-

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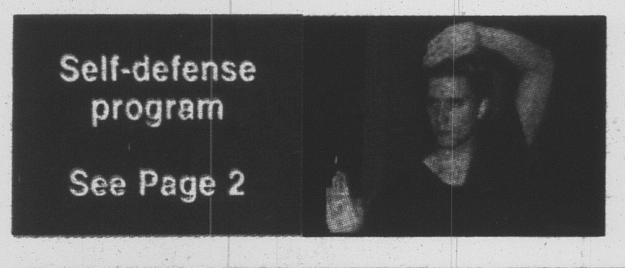
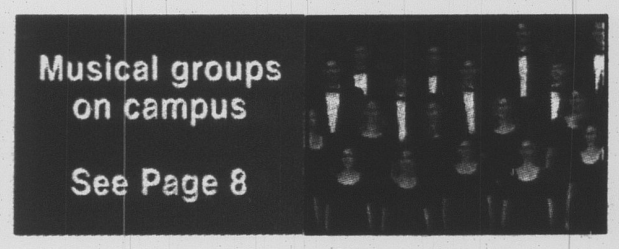
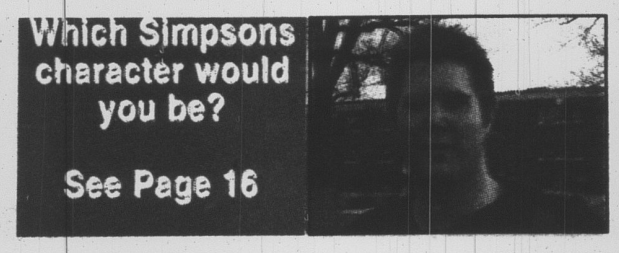
Brad Dell, Amy DalBon and Margaret Tommarello work on the set of the play.







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CAMPUS NEWS

Bowl for Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters

By Lydia Humenycky
STAFF WRITER

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County will hold its eighth annual Bowl for Kids' Sake at Colonial Bowling Lanes at Noon on March 23.

The event will last until 5 p.m. Last year, many students participated in the event, especially fraternity and sorority members.

"We've had so much support from Westminster College over the years for this event," said Suzie Mrozek, Big Brothers/Big Sisters program director. "We feel it's a fun way for students to participate in a community service event and know that they are helping kids obtain a better life."

For those who have a passion to get involved with needy children but do not have the time, this event provides a way to show support.

"Everyone was so welcoming, and it was such a good cause. My friends and I had a blast at the event last year," sophomore Katherina Paroz said.

To participate, a student must assemble a bowling team of four to six people. Each team member is asked to raise $35 to support the cause. This amount covers the lane, shoes, food, entertainment and the Bowl for Kids' Sake T-shirt.

"There's really a lot to do besides bowl," junior Torie Krivak said. "The entertainment and Chinese Auction are going to provide a lot of fun for the students that come out and show support."

That day a DJ will be playing music and taking requests. A caricaturist will also be there to create portraits. Teams may also compete against each other for a trophy.

The one-day event raises up to 30 percent of the organization's budget for the year. The proceeds help pair at-risk children in Lawrence County with caring and responsible adult role models.

Kids that participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program are 46 percent less likely to use drugs, 27 percent less likely to use alcohol, 53 percent less likely to skip school, and they are more likely to get along better with their families.

For more information contact Lydia Humenycky at EXT. x6667.

Self defense taught on Sundays and Wednesdays

By Melissa Logan
STAFF WRITER

Don't be alarmed. The students in the Orr Mezzanine being tossed to the floor aren't hurting each another. Their weapons aren't real either.

At 7 p.m. each Wednesday and at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays, these students practice "hitting with beautiful flowing water," or Chindo, a martial art.

"This isn't about fighting, it's a lifestyle and a technique for self defense," sophomore Joshua Storey said.

Mark Kolich, the group's instructor, travels from his home in Beaver Falls where he runs private martial arts lessons. He brings his knowledge, along with his brother and son, to instruct the students. During practice, Kolich demonstrates complicated maneuvers as simple movements.

"When you leave here the first night, you leave with a practical knowledge that could one day save your life," sophomore Phillip Webster said.

During practice, the students focus on certain techniques and then repeat them on a partner to gain experience.

Kolich ensures that no previous training is necessary to learn the form. Natural ability will make some movements easier to execute, but the strengthening and stretching techniques will train even beginners.

"I can't teach. I can only guide," Kolich said.

Students don white cloth belts indicating their completion of the warm up routine and ability to lead the class in the procedure. Other belts are awarded as different levels of proficiency are attained.

"This is purely for self defense, not for show," freshman Lorrie Straka said.

Chindo is Kolich's trademarked modification of the original Chinese-Indonesian art. His method is rooted in the Pukulan, interpreted "hitting," and Tjimindi systems. Chindo, based on military defense, is an overkill method requiring continued hitting until an attacker is defeated.

Chindo is fixed on the movements of a monkey, tiger, snake and crane. Kolich explains the motions as more dance than fighting.

Key to the art is learning to plant subliminal conceptions of anticipated jabs in the mind of the attacker. This allows flowing hits to be camouflaged from possible prevention.

Past attempts to make the practices into a physical education course or a campus-sponsored club have failed. Lack of funding and an instructor are to blame.

For more information about the marital art or organization, call Kolich at 724-847-3972 or email Storey at storeyjj@westminster.edu.

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Sophomore Rob Chandler tests for his belt.

Etiquette dinner teaches seniors how to behave at business functions

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday, Feb. 19 marked the annual Etiquette Dinner and Dress For Success Style Show. This event was open to all seniors, but only about 75 people were in attendance.

The event began with a welcome by Jackie Mead, director of the Career Center. Then senior Chuck Hart gave the invocation before the meal.

Attendees had their choice of chicken, orange roughy or vegetable lasagna. A salad, rolls and chocolate mousse were all at the table waiting as people took their seats. The main course was served to those in attendance, rather than in buffet style. The fact that they served the meal gave it a more important and business-like feel.

Dr. Cary Horvath, assistant professor of communications studies, was the etiquette presenter. Horvath concentrated on three main areas during her presentation, starting with being neat and clean.

Senior elementary education major Mary Haug said she was happy to be at the event and was hoping to learn a few things. "I think it's a good idea that they're having this because a lot of us will be entering the workforce soon," Haug said.

When going for an interview Horvath suggested a strict evaluation of oneself. Pay attention to the obvious things like the suit and shoes you wear, but also be wary of the less noticeable things like nail tidiness and your smell. She stressed that rather than trying to smell good by adding perfume and cologne, one should strive for no smell whatsoever.

The second topic of discussion was the introduction part of the interview. Handshakes are a common part of introductions but are also easily bungled. Some wrong ways Horvath listed included the fingertip handshake, in which the handshake consists of merely a fingertip touch. This handshake feels weak and not very driven to the person on the receiving end. Another wrong handshake is the bone crusher, where someone literally tries to crush your hand as they are shaking it. This can signal a power issue with the person committing the handshake error.

The perfect handshake should be a firm and confidant one in which you hold the person's hand for a few seconds and pump once or twice.

The last part of Horvath's presentation focused on tips for success during a meal. Some tips she listed included not going to the meal hungry, because then you may be too concerned with eating rather than talking and getting to know the other person.

Some other helpful hints include avoiding messy items like spaghetti and large sandwiches, stick to items that are easy to cut with a fork. Another important tip is to try to avoid complaining during the meal, whether it be about the food, the weather or the service.

The most important thing you can do during a meal is to talk, according to Horvath. The meal could be for a promotion or simply a new job so it is important to make a good impression. "Try to be yourself, but be the best you," Horvath said.

Following the presentation there was a style show. Models volunteered to show attendees proper dress attire from stores such as Liz Claiborne Clothes and Haggar Clothes. Coupons and discounts were also distributed for the various stores featured by the models.

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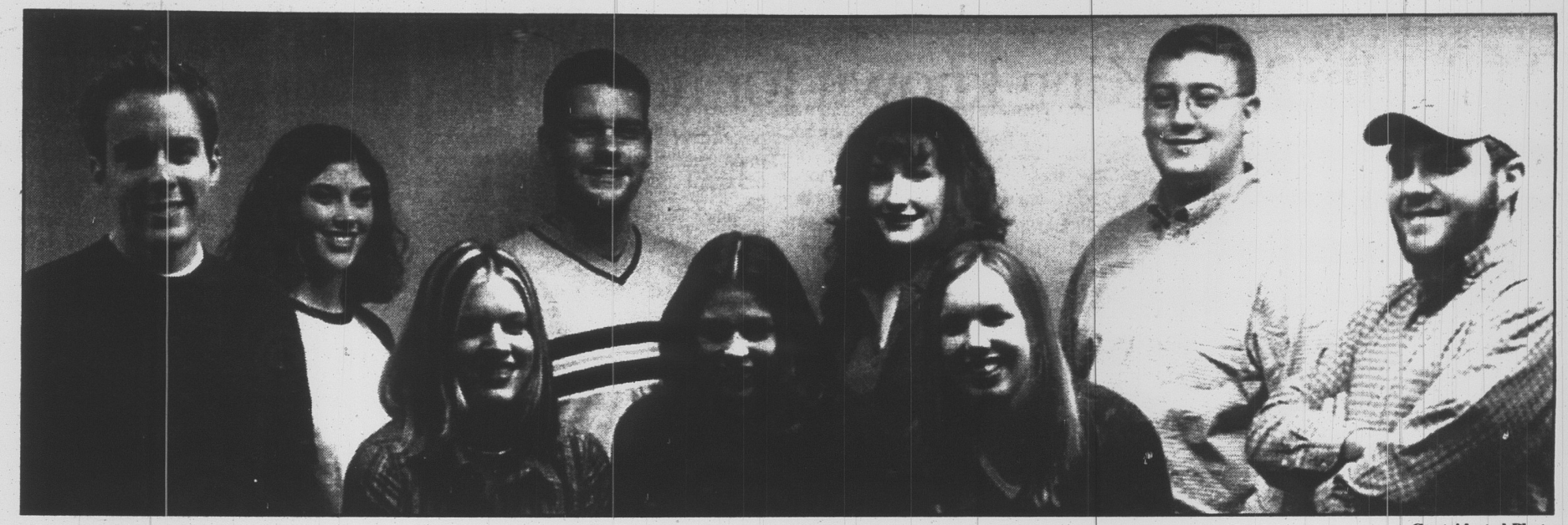
Student Government Association slates vie for the win



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Slate Nave (Front row: Michael DaVia, Erika Hink, Christina Waszczak, Carolee Reed, Drew Huston. Back Row: Julie Lechner, Chris Nave, Christine Atkins, Michael Crochunis.)

By Libby Mucciarone
STAFF WRITER

Posted among the multiple sorority signs on campus, Student Government Association signs publicize the two slates running for election.

These signs name each slate's proposed positions, including executive officers and chairs. Two junior men are running for president this year: Jared Gashel and Chris Nave.

The slates' prospective presidents said they are excited about what they have to offer the campus and the changes they can bring to the SGA.

The slogan for Nave's slate, "Representing Everyone," sums up their main theme. "We have a lot of different perspectives," he said. One of their signs lists 52 separate organizations and groups in which the prospective slate members are involved.

According to Nave, four members are already in the SGA: Nave, sophomores Christine Atkins, Drew Huston and Julie Lechner. Two members previously held positions in the senate: juniors Mike Crochunis and Erika Hink. Other slate members include juniors Michael DaVia, Carolee Reed and Christina Waszczak.

Slate Nave's platform encourages students to look to the SGA for all issues. "Students can come to the SGA for anything, and the SGA needs to be prepared for anything they bring," Nave said.

Nave's slate focuses on the three key points of events, function and image. The group proposes holding two concerts and six off-campus events per year. They also intend to work with the traditional events and improve existing events.

Organizationally, Nave said the slate would like to delegate more responsibility to the senate. The slate intends to follow proper parliamentary procedures.

To improve the image of the SGA on campus, the slate proposes updating the organization's dormant web site by adding pictures of the senate and executives.

Nave said that students need to take pride and ownership in the college and their experiences, using the SGA as that avenue. "We're supposed to give students a voice."

Gashel's slate has a different approach. The slate's slogan is "When Experience Counts." Two of the proposed chairs, sophomores Jessica Young and Stefanie Maccaglia, currently hold the same position for which they are running. Intended slate members with SGA experience are juniors Amanda Kengersky and Jeanna Kovacs, freshman Ian Durham, and Gashel. Juniors Matthew Pournaras and Courtney Henry and sophomore Hillary Gustafson complete Slate Gashel.

The slate's platform advocates infusing excitement into the campus community. "We need to get rid of the apathy on campus and have fun," Gashel said.

The public relations platform includes updating the current web site, allowing students to communicate and voice their opinions, to contact the SGA members and to see the minutes from prior meetings. The slate also plans to establish working relationships with the various media on campus, such as the television and radio stations and the Holcad.

According to Gashel, their academic plan includes increasing participation in the College Bowl and student awareness of the student and faculty committees.

With the wealth of spring semester activities on campus, the slate would like to look into adding more events to the fall semester. "There's so much to do in the spring, and not enough in the fall," he said. "We want to focus on the fall more and build on spring events."

Both slates' presidents said they want students to cast a vote.

According to current SGA President Lindsey Braem, students can vote Feb. 27-28 in the cafeteria. E-mail voting begins Feb. 26-28.

Photo by Joe Gill

Slate Gashel (Front row: Jeanna Kovacs, Amanda Kengersky, Jared Gashel, Courtney Henry. Back row: Matthew Pournaras, Hillary Gustafson, Stefanie Maccaglia, Jessica Young, Ian Durham.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Malcolm X's radical views still debated

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

His ideas still shunned by much of Western society nearly 40 years after his death, Malcolm X remains one of the most underrated leaders of the civil rights movement.

Born Malcolm Little in 1925 in Nebraska, his family moved to Michigan shortly after his birth. There his father, a Baptist minister, was killed by whites for his social activism. His mother suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of the slaying, and welfare services took control of Malcolm and his seven siblings.

He moved to Harlem at age 17, and began committing armed robberies and dealing drugs to make money. At 20, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

During his prison term, Malcolm became interested in and read about the Nation of Islam and its leader, Elijah Muhammad. The nation's members were referred to as 'black Muslims,' and their theology was based on traditional Islamic teachings, black nationalism and economic self-help programs.

Released from prison in 1952, he returned to Michigan, where he joined the Nation of Islam in Detroit, and adopted the name 'Malcolm X.' He married Betty Sanders in 1958, and they had six daughters.

Malcolm quickly rose up in the ranks of the Nation of Islam. By 1958, he was a more prominent figure than Elijah Muhammad. He and his ideas, however, were rejected by most of society, even blacks and liberal whites who supported the civil rights movement. At a time when powerful speakers like Martin Luther King were preaching non-violence and the integration of blacks into American life, Malcolm was promoting the polar opposite.

He claimed that Western society as a whole was racist, and that the only way for blacks to succeed was to form their own society, independent of whites. He even verbally attacked King several times in speeches.

By the early 60s, tension was growing between Malcolm and other leaders of the Nation of Islam. Malcolm stressed the political aspect, while most other members were trying to push the religious section of the Nation.

After a controversial quote made about the assassination of John Kennedy, Muhammad told Malcolm that he could no longer speak in public. Instead of obeying the sentence, Malcolm departed from the Nation in March of 1964 to lead his own movement, the Muslim Mosque.

In 1964, he made a pilgrimage to Mecca, where he publicly renounced his earlier claims that all white people were evil. He also adopted the name El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz.

Upon returning to America, Malcolm urged blacks to vote and to get involved in the political system, and to work with sympathetic whites to end racism. He also began working on an autobiography with Alex Haley at this time. He would not live to see its publication.

While addressing the Organization of Afro-American Unity in New York City on Feb. 21, 1965, Malcolm X was shot and killed. Two of the three men convicted of his murder had connections with the Nation of Islam.

Still widely read today, his autobiography went on to be one of the most influential books of the civil rights movement. It also helped spread the teachings of the slain civil rights leader.

King known for his views on nonviolence

By Jessica Vituccio
STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr., perhaps one of the most well known people in history, can best be remembered by his progressive views on non-violence.

King was born in Atlanta, Ga. on Jan. 15, 1929. His mother was a schoolteacher and his father was a minister. King attended college at Morehouse College, also in Atlanta, where he received a B.A. King then went on to study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and then Boston University. It was at Boston University that King further explored Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent strategy. Then in 1955 King completed his PHD in systematic theology.

King married Coretta Scott in 1953. They had four children. The family decided to move to Montgomery, Ala. where King accepted the Pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1954.

•It was in Alabama that King was elected president of the newly formed Montgomery Improvement Association, which was created based primarily on the Rosa Parks incident. She refused to comply with the segregation laws of bus passengers. The group instituted a bus boycott, which lasted through most of 1956. In December of 1956 the Supreme Court finally declared Alabama's segregation laws unconstitutional and Montgomery buses were no longer segregated.

They were so pleased with their progress in de-segregating Alabama, King and other southern black ministers formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC, in 1957.

In the spring of 1963, King and the SCLC led mass demonstrations in Birmingham, Ala. where white police officers were known for their violent opposition to integration. Their use of guard dogs and hoses against the unarmed protestors created headlines all over the country, which led to President Kennedy's submission of civil rights legislation. This legislation, greatly helped by King's non-violent protests, led to the Civil Rights Act of 1974.

King's "I Have a Dream" speech was delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963 when more than 250,000 protestors traveled to Washington, D.C.

King won many awards throughout his lifetime. He was Time magazine's man of the year in 1963 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

King's life came to an abrupt end when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tenn. King gave his final address, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," the day before his death. James Earl Ray was convicted of the murder.

King's memory and non-violent practices will not be forgotten.

To learn more about King, go to: http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/mlk/man/MLKtimeline.html and http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/.

Parks stayed seated because she was fed up, not tired

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Rosa Parks helped ignite the 1960s civil rights movement.

In Dec. 1955, Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a city bus. Her refusal led to her arrest and sparked a citywide boycott of the Montgomery, Al. bus system by African Americans.

"Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it," Parks wrote in her book, Quiet Strength. "I kept thinking about my mother and my grandparents, and how strong they were. I knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others."

This boycott lasted more than a year, and from the conflict surrounding it a new face arose at the front of the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a result of Parks' refusal and the surrounding conflict, the U.S. Supreme Court made a decision to outlaw segregation on city buses. Over the next four decades the Alabama-born seamstress helped make Americans aware of the history of civil rights struggles.

Parks is a recipient of many honors, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace prize, the Spingarn Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor the U.S. government can give a civilian.

In a 1995 interview, Parks described growing up in a segregated southern state.

"Back in Montgomery during my growing up, it was completely legally enforced racial segregation, and I struggled against it for a long time," Parks said. "I felt that it was not right to be deprived of freedom when we were living in the Home of the Brave and Land of the Free," Parks added.

A pioneer in the struggle for racial equality, Parks has been called the mother of the civil rights movement.

"When I refused to stand up for a white passenger to take the seat, I was not sitting in the front of the bus, as many people have said and neither was my feet hurting, as many people have said. But I made up my mind that I would not give in any longer to legally-imposed racial segregation," Parks said.

Robinson fought against racism in baseball

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Too often when the history of baseball is discussed, Jackie Robinson is overlooked. Names like Ruth, Cobb and Mantle inevitably arise, with good reason, but not Robinson.

Young fans can tell you how many home runs Mark McGwire hit in 1998, but not what the retired number 42 means on the outfield wall of every major league ballpark. What Jackie Robinson did for baseball and America in the 1940s can never be measured by statistics.

Born in Georgia in 1919, Robinson attended UCLA where he became the first student there to earn a letter in four varsity sports: baseball, basketball, football and track. He left school in 1941 to join the army. He was disappointed by the treatment of blacks in the then segregated army, and was arrested in Texas when he refused to move to the back of a military bus. He was honorably discharged in 1944.

The next year, he joined the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues, where he drew the attention of Brooklyn Dodgers' general manager Branch Rickey. For years, major league baseball had toyed with the idea of allowing blacks into the league. Blacks had been playing professional baseball since the late 1800s, but none had played in the majors. A "gentlemen's agreement" among the team owners had kept the major leagues all white.

At a time in America when many blacks could not register to vote, own a business, or even attend school, Ricky was taking a major risk by signing Robinson. He had to make sure that Robinson not only had enough talent to excel in the major leagues, but that he had enough patience to endure insults and death threats from players and fans.

After playing with a Brooklyn minor league team, the Montreal Royals during the 1946 season, Robinson was called up to the majors. He started first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, officially breaking major league baseball's color barrier.

Robinson promised Rickey that he would not retaliate to any slur or attempted injury for two years. During his first season, Robinson had to endure death threats and thrown objects from fans, fastballs thrown at his head, and spikes sliding at his legs from opposing players. He quickly won over his teammates however, and with their support helped Brooklyn win the 1947 National League pennant. He also won the Rookie of the Year Award that year.

Robinson's great hitting and hustle won over fans in Brooklyn and all around the country, opening the door for other black players to enter the league. He stole home an incredible 19 times in his career and had a career batting average of .311. He retired from baseball in 1956 and became the first black enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame, when he was elected in 1962.

Robinson continued to fight racism, publicly pointing out that no team would offer him a chance to become the first black manager, and that although he first played for Brooklyn in 1947, it was not until 1959 that all 16 teams had at least one black player. In the 60s, Robinson began promoting black-owned businesses in Harlem, and became a staunch supporter of the civil rights movement. He died in 1972.

Robinson's achievements were not only momentous in baseball, they were momentous in American history. He gave hope to black athletes and non-athletes alike. The words engraved on his tombstone, which he wrote himself, best describe his contributions: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

14-year-old boy kills sister; parents pay for incarceration

FRANKLIN, Pa. - The parents of a 19-year-old boy who killed their younger daughter will continue to pay for part of their son's incarceration.

A panel of Superior Court judges has rejected arguments from the parents who say it is unreasonable to force them to pay part of their son's jail costs when the victim is their own daughter.

The three judges noted that the state lacked guidance when it comes to emotional factors for determining child-support obligations. The judges said such a provision would have to be passed by the Legislature, though they did not indicate whether they favored adding emotional considerations.

In November, attorneys for Beatrice and Charles Norcross argued that it's unreasonable to force them to pay to house their daughter's killer when the killer is their son. The mother pays $230 a month while the father pays another $300 a month toward their son's imprisonment.

"The public thinks this isn't an important issue because this doesn't happen to many people," said Beatrice Norcross, who is divorced from Charles Norcross. "But there are more people whose children have killed someone else in their family than you might think."

On May 15, 1997, 12-year-old Shauna Norcross was shot to death in her mother's home in Cranberry by her older brother, Nathan, then 14, because she threatened to expose his plans to kill their mother's former fiance.

The boy, now 19, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in juvenile court and was taken to the Concern for Boys center in Coatesville, Chester County, where he remains. Venango County's Children and Youth Services successfully sought to force the Norcrosses to pay for his incarceration until he is 21.

Pennsylvania law requires parents to support minor children, and the state welfare code gives counties authority to demand payment from parents of juvenile criminals until they are 21.

Their attorneys had argued that forcing parents of a murdered child to pay for housing and treating their child's killer is unnecessary and callous.

County officials told the court that parents are obligated to support a child and said they should not be clouded by sympathy for the Norcrosses.

The judges agreed, saying they found no legal basis for the couple's argument.

The ruling was issued in Venango County last week by Judges Joan Orie Melvin and Maureen Lally-Green and Senior Judge John G. Brosky.

Bar fight turns deadly, Westmoreland County man jailed without bail on Sat.

GREENSBURG, Pa. - A Westmoreland County man was jailed without bail Saturday night, accused of killing another man during a fight outside a barroom early Saturday.

Jeffrey James Beatrice, 33, of Derry Township, was charged with homicide and aggravated assault in the death of Robert John Ager, 48, of Blairsville, Indiana County. State police were called to the Locust Grove Inn along Route 981 in Derry Township, about 40 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Ager died of acute brain swelling, caused by multiple facial injuries including a severely broken nose, Deputy Coroner Joseph Musgrove said.

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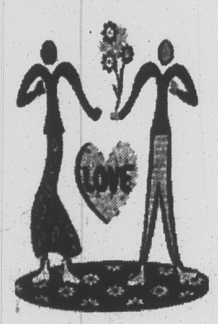

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New found patriotism might put kids back into parade

WESTMONT, Pa. - Once upon a time, kids in the Johnstown suburb of Westmont were invited to ride their bikes in the borough's Memorial Day parade.

And thanks to a newfound patriotism since Sept. 11, the kids might be joining the parade again.

Borough council will meet Feb. 27 to consider the proposal.

Councilman Frank Bononno said he's not even sure when kids and their bikes decked out in red, white and blue stopped being part of the parade—probably in the 1950s, he thinks.

But Bononno, 73, remembers riding in the parade and other council members think borough children should have the chance too.

"If we're going to do it, this is the year to do it," said borough Council President Susan Holmes. "Patriotism needs to be instilled in our children. And this is the year to teach patriotism."

Mercer County settles harassment case

MERCER, Pa. - Mercer County has agreed to pay $57,500 to four women who claimed managers in county offices sexually harassed them.

County officials last month agreed to settle the complaints brought by the four county employees who claimed they were harassed between January and September last year.

Only one of the women still works for the county.

Mercer County Commissioner Cloyd E. Brenneman declined to comment on the settlement.

Jack Cline, attorney for three of the women, would not describe the alleged harassment, but said "it was enough that the county felt they had to pay that amount of damages."

"My clients have gone through some tough times," Cline said.

Two 17-year-old boys accused of running speakeasy

WEST CHESTER, Pa. - Two 17-year-old boys are accused of operating a large-scale speakeasy and gambling hall in a barn, using money they saved from summer landscaping work to finance the start-up costs.

"It looks like it was an organized operation that was notorious for attracting a lot of local teen-agers," Chester County District Attorney Joseph Carroll said of the business. He said it was probably run for a few months in Upper Uwchlan Township, about 25 miles west of Philadelphia.

Township police raided the barn in December following a lengthy investigation, but the boys were not charged until Friday. Authorities did not release their names because they are minors.

Police Chief John DeMarco said officers seized more than 100 bottles of various kinds of liquor, containers of beer including a keg, gambling devices and tobacco products.

"Police found a fully operational wet bar with a sink and a price list displaying the cost of drinks," DeMarco said. "There was a large sit-down area with a stereo, tables, couches, chairs and a ping-pong table. The large gambling area had tables and chairs where multiple games could be played."

Investigators said organizers were probably getting ready for a large holiday party at the time of the raid.

The hillside barn had been refurbished to make the operation less conspicuous, police said.

"They had gone to extraordinary measures to make sure no light or sound comes out," DeMarco said. He said the walls had been soundproofed and the windows had been covered.

Neighbors thought the teens were selling firewood, but hadn't noticed any unusual activity.

"We didn't see anything abnormal over at the barn. I mean, if they were operating that type of thing over there, there were no cars," neighbor John Cassel said Saturday.

More arrests are expected, authorities said. The owner of the land where the barn is has not been charged, but Caroll said authorities are looking into what involvement he might have had. Authorities did not release the land owner's name.

NATIONAL

Car fire most likely has terrorist connections

By Allen G. Breed & Bill Poovey
AP WRITERS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Shortly before 1 a.m. last Sunday, witnesses saw flames erupt from the back seat of a 1992 Acura Legend as it crawled along a two-lane road skirting farm fields in the little Tennessee town of Piperton.

The driver breathed in the flames, her lungs searing, as the car veered off the road and came to rest against a utility pole near the Mississippi state line. There were no skid marks or furrows in the grass to indicate the driver had hit the brakes.

A witness rushed up and pulled open the car door, but the driver was not moving. She appeared to be already dead. When the first volunteer firefighters arrived, the car was engulfed in flames.

From the very beginning, it didn't look right, said Steve Kellett, chief of the Piperton Volunteer Fire Department.

The car had been moving too slowly for the accident to cause much damage. The wooden pole was barely dented. The radiator was pushed in a few inches, but the engine block was undamaged. Most important, the gas tank had not ruptured. The cardboard packaging for a replacement headlamp in the trunk was barely scorched.

What could have caused a fire so severe that it cooked the passenger compartment of the sedan down to the frame, burned the driver's arms and legs off, and left her charred beyond recognition? If someone had been trying to make this death look like an accident, they had done a lousy job.

Police began investigating the death as a homicide. The mystery deepened the next day when dental records identified the victim as Katherine Smith, 49, a state driver's license examiner.

Smith was scheduled to be arraigned last Monday on federal charges of helping five Middle Eastern men from New York obtain fraudulent Tennessee driver's licenses.

One of the men, authorities say, drove from New York to Memphis on Sept. 11-the day of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. And one of them, at the time of his arrest, was carrying in his wallet a pass to the trade center dated Sept. 5.

On the morning of Feb. 5, authorities say, a gray Dodge Durango and a white Toyota Avalon arrived in Memphis from New York and parked outside the motor vehicles office. Inside the cars sat six Middle Eastern men.

Tennessee is one of four states not requiring a Social Security number to get a license, and many people carry utility bills as proof of residence.

Perhaps the men saw Smith as she arrived in her blue blazer and gray slacks.

Shortly after she showed up for work, a man from the Toyota, Khaled Odtllah, a native of Jerusalem, joined the morning rush into the building. According to an FBI affidavit, he was clutching four signed, driver's license applications.

She and her daughter shared a one-story home in a rough-and-tumble neighborhood in the shadow of Memphis' Liberty Bowl stadium--a place where police warn outsiders not to be after dark. The neat little house is worth $65,000; Smith owed $55,000 on it.

She had worked for mental health agencies before joining the motor vehicle division in 1992. She was earning just over $23,000.

Neighbors say they hardly saw the woman because she was working all the time. After hours, she worked taking care of an elderly woman.

The neighborhood is a few miles from where Khaled Odtllah lived, but it seems a world away.

According to records, Odtllah's last address was The Grove, a gated community in the Memphis suburb of Cordova, with swimming pools, tennis courts and spas. A sign out front boasts a first place award in 2000 for beautification.

Police say Odtllah came to the United States about 13 years ago from Jerusalem and had been in Tennessee for about 21/2 years.

Smith later told officials she met Odtllah at his gas station. He sold her the Acura, which was still in Odtllah's name when Smith died.

Somewhere along the line, police say, Smith and Odtllah became business partners.

On the applications Odtllah was carrying on Feb. 5, each man listed as his address 2840 Morning Lake Drive, in another gated community just outside Memphis. None of the men had checked the application's organ donor box.

At motor vehicles, the applications were approved and entered into the computer system. When Odtllah walked outside, the FBI was waiting for him.

Agents in New York had received a tip that the men would be traveling to Memphis that day, and the bureau's agents in Tennessee had staked out Smith's home and the motor vehicle office. When Odtllah and the others pulled out of the parking lot, agents flashed blue lights and pulled them over.

With Odtllah, police found Mostafa Said Abou-Shahi, Mohammed Fares, Sakher Hammad and his cousin Abdelmuhsen Mahmid Hammad. An unnamed juvenile was also taken into custody.

A few months ago, the contents of Sakher Hammad's wallet would have seemed innocuous: Two video rental cards; two major credit cards; a card designating him a "charter member'" of Team Ford Racing; a New York plumber's business card. And a pass, dated 09/05/01 that gave him access to the lower basement of One World Trade Center.

Authorities say Sakher Hammad told them he is plumber, and that he and his cousin were in the tower to work on the sprinkler system. New York authorities have no record of a plumber's license for either cousin.

A business card in Sakher Hammad's wallet was for Magic Plumbing & Heating Inc. in Brooklyn. It advertises "custom kitchens, bathrooms, water heaters, boilers, re-piping"-generally residential in nature.

Hammad's wallet also held courtesy cards from the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the Detectives' Endowment Association of New York. The latter bears the inscription, "In memory of those who lost their lives on 9-11-01."

Authorities say the men arrested with Odtllah admitted being in the country illegally.

The day Smith was to appear in court, her car sat in an FBI garage in Memphis, the champagne finish bubbled and streaked with trails of melted rubber window stripping. The upholstery was burned away. Police couldn't even tell if Smith had been wearing a seat belt.

However, they had found a residue of gasoline on her body. The fire, the FBI determined, was intentionally set.

Lawyers for the defendants argued that their clients were being held only because of their ethnicity. "They seem to be trying to tie this to Sept. 11," said Clifton Harviel Jr., who represented Abou-Shahin.

350 pages of correspondence between Bush and Lay released

By Natalie Gott
AP WRITER

AUSTIN, Texas - Letters released by state archivists suggest a personal relationship between President Bush and former Enron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Lay, though the White House has insisted that the two were never very close.

Documents released Friday show that Lay wrote repeatedly to Bush throughout his governorship, seeking support for legislation benefiting Enron. Many of the letters concerned electricity deregulation and an overhaul of laws to make it harder to bring lawsuits.

Other letters were personal, with the two exchanging birthday, holiday and get-well wishes.

Some 350 pages of correspondence between them were released Friday following requests from news organizations and others under the state's open records law.

Bush wrote a note in 1997 wishing Lay a happy birthday: "55 years old. Wow! That is really old. Thank goodness you have such a young, beautiful wife. ... Laura and I value our friendship with you."

In a December 1999 letter, Lay wrote Bush and his wife, Laura, to thank them for a "Tejano Santa" print by artist Sam Coronado that the couple signed.

"It was so thoughtful of you to send it to us, and it is a gift we will treasure," Lay wrote, signing the note simply, "Ken." In a handwritten note at the bottom, Lay wrote, "Linda and I are so proud of both of you and look forward to seeing both of you in the White House."

Last month, Bush adviser Karl Rove said, "The president knows him. But the idea that he is a friend in the sense that this is a guy who's a close intimate is just ludicrous."

Bush said he met Lay in 1994 when the businessman was a supporter of Texas Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat who was later defeated by Bush.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Friday that the documents were "old news."

"The president himself has acknowledged that Ken Lay was a supporter of his in the past," McClellan said.

In his two Texas gubernatorial campaigns, Bush received $312,000 from Enron officials, including Lay, who was one of his biggest donors. Bush received more than $100,000 from Enron officials for his presidential campaign.

In several of the letters released Friday, Lay urged Bush to support restructuring the state's electricity market, which would benefit the fallen energy trading giant.

Although Bush signed a law deregulating the market in 1999, the documents do not appear to show that Bush responded in print to Lay's interest in the issue.

In April 1997, Lay wrote Bush about Enron's negotiations for a $2 billion joint venture to develop Uzbekistan's natural gas fields. According to the letter, Bush was scheduled to meet with Uzbekistan's ambassador to the United States just a few days later.

Firefighters free man who was buried alive in unshelled peanuts

Sonja Barisic
AP WRITER

NORFOLK, Va. - Trapped beneath thousands of unshelled peanuts in a warehouse, Floyd Goodman Jr. slowed his breathing to conserve what little oxygen there was, and prayed.

"I was saying 'Lord help me. This is not the way I would like to go. Lord, I know that's not the way you want me to go,'" Goodman recalled Friday from Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where he was listed in good condition.

Two days earlier, the 52-year-old, 15-year employee of Golden Peanut Co. had sunk into tons of peanuts when he stepped off a beam at work.

"Basically, I got sucked in," Goodman said. "I knew there was nothing I could do."

Goodman said he wound up in a squatting position-protected only by a pair of goggles and paper dust mask he was wearing when he fell. Pushing against the peanuts to make room for his body helped a little, he said.

Still, "The peanuts mashed against my chest, my head," he said. "The peanuts were pressing on me."

Firefighters and company employees worked for more than 90 minutes to free him.

"Yes, I'm here!" Goodman said he yelled to help rescuers find him. "When I hollered, my breath got short, so I knew it was time to stop hollering. I had to try to think to slow my breathing down."

Goodman said he feared he might be buried alive.

"I knew they would find me," he said. "I was afraid they wouldn't find me in time."

So, he prayed, telling God he had a sick friend and daughter who needed him, and a family that had grieved enough after his stepfather recently died.

"All I could do was pray and pray and pray," he said. "Every time I moved something, it felt a little tighter. All I can say is, the Lord gave me the strength to my shoulders to try to breathe a little longer."

Goodman's daughter, Natasha, said her father would remain in the hospital through the weekend for tests to determine if he had a mild heart attack during the ordeal.

But Goodman discounted concern about the pain in his left arm.

"If I don't feel for it, it's not there," he said of the discomfort. "I feel wonderful--I do."

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration were expected to investigate the accident.

INTERNATIONAL

Prospects of peace in Nepal end in the killing of 129

Binaj Gurubacharya
AP WRITER

KATMANDU, Nepal - In their deadliest attack ever, Maoist guerrillas killed at least 129 police officers, army soldiers and civilians in fighting Sunday, ending any immediate prospects of peace in this Himalayan kingdom.

Soon after midnight at a district headquarters and a nearby airport in northwestern Nepal, the rebels killed 76 police officers, 48 army soldiers, an intelligence officer and four civilians, officials said.

The rebels, who draw their inspiration from Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Tsetung, ended a four-month cease-fire on Nov. 23, resuming attacks on government targets. The government declared a state of emergency three days later.

The new attacks shattered hopes of an end to the six-year violent insurgency, which has sapped the resources of this South Asian kingdom--one of the poorest countries in the world.

Nepal has been jolted by unprecedented turmoil in the last year.

In June, Crown Prince Dipendra fatally shot his father, King Birendra, and eight other members of the royal family before turning the gun on himself. The blow was followed within months by the death of another royal family member, Princess Prekshya, in a helicopter crash.

The guerrilla killings began soon after.

The army says it has killed nearly 500 guerrillas and arrested another 1,400 during the emergency. Officials say nearly 200 government soldiers and police officers also have lost their lives.

The interior security ministry said the rebels set fire to buildings and fired at police in Mangalsen, headquarters of the Achham district, killing 49 officers. The guerrillas then attacked a small airport in the nearby town of Sanphebaga, killing another 27 policemen guarding the airport, a home ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

Forty-eight soldiers of the Royal Nepalese Army, stationed in Mangalsen town as part of the government's military campaign against the rebels, were also killed, Defense Ministry spokesman Bhola Silwal said in a separate news release.

Others killed included the Chief District Officer Mohan Singh Khadka, the district administrator, an official of the central intelligence bureau and his wife, a postal worker and an unidentified civilian.

Mangalsen is located about 600 kilometers (375 miles) northwest of the capital of Katmandu.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba met his Cabinet in an emergency meeting late Sunday as he prepared to seek extension of the state of emergency and Parliament clearance to continue the deployment of the army against the rebels.

Deuba is likely to get the support of two-thirds of the lawmakers, needed for the extension. Deuba has estimated the rebels' strength at 3,000 to 4,000.

A gun battle between government forces and the suspected rebels began soon after midnight and lasted until early morning, officials said. Police reinforcements rushed to Mangalsen, but were delayed by bad weather and the mountainous terrain, an official news release said.

It said there could be major casualties on the rebel side as well. Fighters were seen taking away bodies of other guerrillas, officials said. State-run Radio Nepal said the army had sealed off the entire area and security forces had fanned out in a massive search the rebels.

In the latest attack, the rebels--accustomed to using knives and muskets--used modern weaponry they had looted from the military in a previous strike.

The attack was the deadliest since the guerrillas, led by commander Prachanda-whose real name is Pushpa Kamal Dahal--began fighting in 1996 from the remote mountainous areas.

The rebels are trying to abolish Nepal's constitutional monarchy and create a communist republic. More than 2,400 people have died in the fighting.

The rebels have called a general strike Friday and Saturday across Nepal to commemorate the sixth anniversary of their insurgency campaign.

Earlier this month, suspected rebels set off two bombs in government tax offices in Katmandu, wounding at least 10 people.

Last week, the U.S. State Department issued an advisory to warn Americans about travel in Nepal. The guerrillas had recently attacked Lukla, the main entry point for the Mount Everest trek, and other popular tourist destinations in the Solu Khumbu Valley, the advisory said.

Trial begins for Protestant pastor accused of killing 6 family members

Paul Ames
AP WRITER

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The trial opens Monday of a Hungarian-born Protestant pastor accused of killing six members of his family in a case that shocked Belgium with its allegations of incest and murder.

Andras Pandy, 74, was arrested in 1997 after police found body parts hidden in his Brussels home.

He was charged with killing two wives, two of his sons and two step daughters, and with raping his daughter and step daughters.

Police believe he may also have killed at least seven other people whose unidentified remains were unearthed in a home that local media labeled the house of horror.

Pandy's daughter, Agnes, 44, is the chief witness against her father. She has confessed to taking part in five of the killings, including that of her mother. She claims to have acted out of fear of her father.

Prosecutors allege Pandy forced his daughters and stepdaughters into sex then turned to murder between 1986 and 1989 to cover up the incest after one stepdaughter Timea, then 20, became pregnant. Agnes Pandy is also charged with the attempted murder of her stepsister Timea, who later fled to Canada with her son, now aged 16.

The bodies of the victims are alleged to have been cut into pieces, dissolved in drain cleaning fluid and dumped in the basement of the house or amid animal waste at a nearby abattoir.

Reports of the case stunned Belgians still in shock after the revelations that followed the 1996 arrest of Marc Dutroux, who is still awaiting trial accused of kidnapping, raping and killing four girls aged between eight and 19.

As in the Dutroux case, police were criticized over their handling of the Pandy investigation. The disappearances of Pandy's family members were reported in the early 1990's, but police accepted the pastor's assurances that they were living abroad.

Pandy denies the charges. His lawyer Hein Diependaele says he will seek an acquittal. He has cast doubt upon the testimony of Agnes Pandy and claims the publicity surrounding the case means it's impossible for his client to get a fair trial.

The trial is expected to last at least three weeks, with several witnesses coming from Hungary to testify. In the course of an investigation, costing some 350,000 euros (dlrs 305,000), Belgian investigators traveled several times to Hungary and once to Canada.

Pandy came to Belgium as a refugee like thousands of his compatriots after the 1956 Soviet crackdown in Hungary. He set up a Hungarian Protestant church in Belgium, and gave religious education classes in Belgian schools until he retired in 1992.

21 students killed when truck veered off road and rolled down a mountain

LILONGWE, Malawi - An open-backed truck carrying scores of students returning from a soccer game veered off a remote road and rolled down a mountain, killing 21 students and a teacher, authorities said Sunday.

At least 76 other passengers, most of them students, were injured in the accident Saturday night in the northern district of Mzimba about 400 kilometers (250 miles) north of the capital, Lilongwe. Some of those students sustained life-threatening injuries, hospital officials said.

Police were investigating whether the truck transporting the secondary school students and some teachers home from a soccer match was overloaded.

The driver's log listed only 76 students and three teachers, but the number of dead and injured well exceeded that number and police believe there were other passengers as well who were not injured and walked away from the accident, police said.

The crash occurred when the driver failed to negotiate a sharp turn properly and the bus plunged off a mountainous road, flipping over several times until it came to rest at an embankment 50 meters (yards) away, police said. President Bakili Muluzi ordered an inquiry into the accident. The driver, who is under police surveillance in the hospital, has not been charged.

Sept. 11 scholarship offered to children

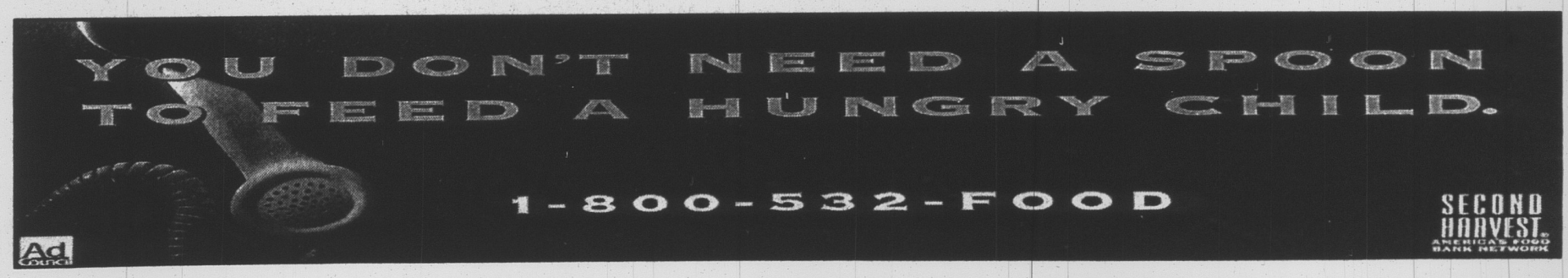
LONDON - Prince Charles' former school will offer scholarships to children who lost parents in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the school said Sunday.

Gordonstoun, the Scottish boarding school attended by the heir to the throne, is offering two places in its international summer school. Students who enjoy the experience will be invited to apply for a full scholarship, worth about 18,500 pounds (dlrs 25,000) a year.

The scholarships will be open to American and British children aged between 7 and 16 who lost one or both parents in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

The Gordonstoun American Foundation, which is based in New York City, will begin interviewing prospective students this month.

Queen Elizabeth II's husband, Prince Philip, and their sons Prince Charles, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward all attended Gordonstoun, a boarding school with an emphasis on rugged physical pursuits.



MUSIC ON CAMPUS

Concert choir practices for three major performances

By Elisa Suber
STAFF WRITER

Concert Choir, a select group of 44 members, is practicing teamwork and togetherness to make their upcoming events music to the ears.

In the next two months, concert choir has three major performances. On March 24, they will be performing an Easter Lent service with chambers singers.

According to Dr. Robin Lind, director of concert choir, this event will be similar to Christmas Vespers.

On March 26, the choir will perform with the wind ensemble for the first time. On April 28, they will perform their final concert of the year. All musical groups will take part in this season finale, and a variety of music will be performed. The choir will also be performing at local schools, such as Boardman and Lowellville, and local churches, in order to both recruit and entertain.

Lind is on her second year as director of concert choir. Lind said that she thinks the college has one of the top music programs for an undergraduate school of its size in Pennsylvania. "Westminster has a long-standing tradition. We are working on keeping that tradition alive," Lind said.

In the three years before Lind, the concert choir had three different directors. Lind said this may have led to a lack of unity in the group. In order to correct this problem, the group has been concentrating on teamwork.

Sophomore Sara Kimbell, president of concert choir, said they are reaching that goal. "I really feel like we are coming together as a group."

In order to see just how much they are improving, six members will be attending a meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Choral Directors Association. Juniors Shannon DeArment and Heather Burns, sophomore Sean Taylor and freshmen Amanda Ventrone, Kevin Rush and Patrick Shannon will be traveling to Pittsburgh for three days.

If the group continues improving the quality of its music, Lind said she hopes to take them to a regional conference.

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The 2001-2002 Concert Choir

The symphonic band brings diverse students together

By Cortney DiVito
STAFF WRITER

Many students with diverse backgrounds and different majors have one thing in common: the symphonic band.

The symphonic band, under the direction of R. Tad Greig, is composed of about 80 members. These musicians meet twice a week to prepare for the two or three concerts they perform.

The songs the band performs range from Sousa marches to significant masterworks and new compositions. Last month the band played compositions from renowned band composers such as Vincent Persichetti, Fisher Tull and Clare Grundman. These compositions were combined with new works by Jan Van der Roost and Robert Jager.

"We want to represent different styles; we want to provide musical diversity," Greig said. "I ask myself, what will the music provide to the students?"

The Joan of Arc piece performed at the last concert illustrates that criteria. "Based on the person, (Joan of Arc), multi-movements from periods of her life, it represented her youth, martyrdom and her time as a warrior, it also reflected the historical times and musical style," Greig said.

The symphonic band not only provides musical entertainment, but participants say it is enjoyable as well.

"Playing French horn is very relaxing and a nice way to stop working and relieve stress after a day of classes," sophomore Kate Sweeney said.

The symphonic band also contributes to the college and community.

"It brings the potential for artistic outreach for both the musicians and those that don't play instruments but enjoy listening to music," Greig said. "By attending the various concerts they are offered the opportunity to listen to a high level of musicianship and to learn about sounds and styles that they will not hear on the radio or television."

The students also said they contribute to the community. "The symphonic band is just one of the ways the student body, faculty and surrounding community can come to enjoy great music," Sweeney said. "The variety of music gives the community a diverse musical experience."

Jazz ensemble to perform tonight in Orr Auditorium

By Chris Borsani
STAFF WRITER

A combination of brass, string and percussion instruments form the jazz ensemble.

The jazz ensemble is made up of 18 members of the music department. One of the features of jazz ensemble is the improvisation of solos.

Adjunct faculty member, Jeffrey Bremer, who helps Instructor R. Tad Greig with directing the students said, "We like the concept of being able to improvise the solos to help encourage the students' creativeness. What has been one of the nice things is that there are 12 to 13 different solos now, whereas in the past there were only two to three."

The jazz ensemble is considered by Bremer to be a "big band." The group has five to six trumpets, five saxophones, four to five trombones, a guitarist, a pianist, two bassists and a drummer.

A variety of jazz styles are explored and performed. The jazz styles range from traditional big band jazz to a more contemporary-sounding jazz.

"It's a lot different from the other ensembles I play in," said junior trumpeter Rachel Steele. "It really tests your playing ability because the music is more challenging because of the rhythms."

This is not the first time a jazz ensemble has been on campus. In the early 1970s under the direction of Dr. Bancroft, the college had a jazz ensemble that went on a multiple state tour of the east coast. This ensemble went into recession for a while, but was reintroduced to the campus community in 1993 by Greig. In 1996, the jazz ensemble produced a best-selling CD entitled "Out of the Blue." They also produced CDs in 2000 and in 2001.

The ensemble plays multiple shows per year, including an upcoming show in Orr at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Feb. 22. There will also be show a show March 7 at the Sharpsville Jazz Festival., as well as a spring performance on campus later in the semester.

Jazz ensemble is open to all students. Students who participate in the ensemble range from sophomore to senior status.

Jazz ensemble is listed as a course, but it does not fulfill the large ensemble requirement for Music majors. Permission from the instructor must be obtained as a prerequisite to the class.

Come to the Jazz Ensemble concert tonight in Orr at 7:30 p.m.

Students must audition to be a part of Chamber singers

By Michael Farner
STAFF WRITER

The Chamber Singers are a select, mixed ensemble of people who sing music from a variety of time periods and styles. Some of these different styles include madrigals, chansons, motets and vocal jazz. This group has 16 singers, four from each vocal group, each of whom had to audition.

Conductor of the group, Dr. Robin Lind, is the Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the college. She conducts not only the Chamber Singers, but also the Concert Choir and Men's Choir.

One thing that sets the Chamber Singers apart from the rest of the choral ensembles is the amount of traveling that they do. Over winter break, the Chamber Singers and Concert Choir traveled to southern California to perform at four Presbyterian Churches in four different cities. The Chamber Singers will also perform the Spring Pops Concert and Picnic at the Amphitheater on April 28, and at Dean Wilson's Elementary School in Boardman on March 27. In January 2003, the tour choir will also be traveling to Italy for a two-week tour.

"The Chamber Choir has given me the opportunity to travel to many great places, and it has given me a chance to study a repertoire beyond the challenges of the Concert Choir," said sophomore member Ashleigh Oram. "I have been given the chance to get to know many others, and learn from their vocal strong-points."

"Last year, I went to one of their concerts, and was blown away by the strength and charisma of their performance," sophomore John Libert said. "I would recommend one of their concerts to anyone."

"Throughout my years at Westminster, I have had the opportunity of watching the different choirs," junior Jon Joy said. "The Chamber Singers definitely stand out from the rest of the crowd."

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The 2001-2002 Chamber singers.

Orchestra is a campus and community ensemble

By Megan Marshall
STAFF WRITER

The Westminster orchestra's next concert is scheduled for 3 p.m., April 7 in Orr. It is a small ensemble not limited to just music majors.

"People should join," said freshman music education major Sarah Buzzatto. "Band instruments, especially woodwinds, should join. Orchestra is a different atmosphere."

The orchestra plays Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern music. Some performance pieces to listen for are Mozart's "Symfonie in C", P. Tchaikowsky's "Serenade I Pezzo in Forma di Sonatina" and Aaron Coplan's "Variations on a Shaker Melody."

Because not enough students are members of the orchestra, director Dr. Paul Chenevey often asks outsiders to join in. He usually asks members of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra to participate. Instruments included in the ensemble are flutes, clarinets and trumpets.

The orchestra rehearses twice per week. Students must work both individually and as a team to incorporate quality sound and emotion into their expression of music. On occasion, the orchestra may utilize student soloists or choral organizations for special performances.

"Coming into this orchestra, it's nice to see [people from] different schools and backgrounds playing together," Buzzatto said. "Overall it's a great learning experience."

Upcoming Music Events

2/22	7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert – Orr Auditorium	4/15	7:30 p.m. Men's Choir Concert – chapel
2/24	3:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Recital – chapel	4/21	3:00 p.m. Senior Recital –chapel
3/3	2:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Festival Concert – Orr	4/22	7:30 p.m. Women's Choir Concert – chapel
		4/26	7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Beth Harrison – chapel
3/18	7:30 p.m. Recital: Susanna Reilly and Matthew McCright – Orr	4/28	3:00 p.m. Concert Choir Concert – Anderson Amphitheater (Rain location: chapel)
3/22	7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert – Orr	5/1	7:30 p.m. New Century Duo Recital – Orr
4/4	7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Nancy DeSalvo – Orr	5/3	7:30 p.m. Instrumental Spring Concert – Orr
4/6	3:00 p.m. Senior Recital – chapel	5/4	7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert – Anderson Amphitheater (Rain location: Orr)
4/7	3:00 p.m. Orchestra Concert – Orr		
4/8	7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert – Orr	5/5	3:00 p.m. Trio Recital – Orr
4/9	7:30 p.m. Men's/Women's Choral Concert – Orr		
4/10	7:30 p.m. Opera Workshop Performance – Orr		
4/14	3:00 p.m. Senior Recital – chapel		

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band, Ed, (Nathan Zuzack) operates a printing press and delivers left-wing propaganda to the neighborhood in homemade candy boxes.

"This play will have the audience rolling in the aisles. The Sycamore family redefines the concept of normal. And that wildly eccentric process brings a laugh a minute," Dell said.

It's not all fun and games though; there is a love story involved. The older, normal Sycamore daughter, Alice, (Katrina Kayden) and her boss's son, Tony, (William Weniger) quickly develop a romance which comes to a head when Tony's parents meet the wild Sycamores.

"There are many tender, romantic scenes that will certainly elicit some 'oohs and ahhs,'" Dell said. "And they don't just happen between Alice and Tony ... by the end of the play, almost every character will have found love in some way. That's just so nice."

Technical director Margaret Tommarello assists Dell. Theatre Westminster professor Paul Kimpel is designing the sets for the show, and Katrina Kayden is designing the lighting. Kauleen Cloutier manages the stage.

Tickets are free for students and $5 for the public. The theater will be open Monday until March 1 from Noon until 2 p.m. For more information, call the box office at EXT. x7241.

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strength."

At both the speech Tuesday night and the question and answer session Wednesday morning, Arun illustrated his points by sharing stories from his childhood. Many of his examples gave the audience a glimpse of Mahatma's peaceful lifestyle.

"I think it makes the point that his grandfather really lived what he taught," senior Sarah Stankorb said.

Arun kept returning to the same ideas of helping others and decreasing violence. "Instead of abusing anger, we must learn how to channel it and use it positively," he said.

Senior Christian Reifsteck attended both the night and morning talks. "I think we all learned something and have become better human beings as a result."

To learn more about Mahatma and nonviolence, go to the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence online at www.gandhiinstitute.org.

SPORTS

Lady Titans lose 77-73 in double overtime

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team fell to 12-10 overall and 7-2 in the PAC with a double overtime, 77-73 defeat at the hands of rival Grove City last Wednesday. The loss marked the ladies' second ever PAC loss in two seasons of competition.

After nine first-half lead changes, the Titans led 28-27. During the second half, the Titans led by as much as 10 points with 4:04 left in regulation before a 13-3 Wolverine run ending with a three-pointer in the closing seconds sent the match into overtime.

Westminster led during the first OT until the last 24 seconds when Grove City managed yet another game-tying jumper and sent the match to a second OT.

Grove City took control during the final extra period, leading the Titans by as many as five points, eventually taking the contest 77-73.

Senior guard Robin Thayer led the Titans with 18 points, while junior guard Ashley Kenney added 12. Fellow junior guard Jennifer Petures and freshman Erica Tallo put up 10 points each.

The Lady Titans closed their second PAC season last weekend with an 80-65 routing of Washington and Jefferson.

Westminster never trailed, scoring the first seven points of the contest unanswered. By the half, the Titans had opened a 47-32 gap, later spreading to a 26-point lead, 74-48, with less than six minutes remaining, finally taking the match by 15.

Scoring in double digits for Westminster were Thayer with 16 and junior forward Samor Himes with 15. Junior guard Kristen Karatinos led the team in rebounds with eight, while Petures added eight assists.

The Ladies have since traveled to Case Western Reserve University for their final game of the season.

Giordano lead rebounder in Grove City game

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The Titan men's basketball team returned victorious from Grove City last Wednesday with a 76-69 win over the Wolverines. Their record improved to 10-14 overall and 3-6 against PAC competition.

The Wolverines led through most of the first half, but let their margin dwindle to three points by halftime with a 34-31 lead. The Titans turned it around in the second half, posting 50 percent shooting percentage from the field. This rally led the Titans to outscore the Wolverines 45-35 in the second period.

The Titans' offensive blitz can be attributed to the freshman trio of Pat O'Connor, Craig Bohyer and Chris Hatch. O'Connor led all scoring with a career-high 23 points. Bohyer posted 15 and Hatch racked up 9. O'Connor joined sophomore Andy Podbielski with a team high five rebounds apiece.

In the rebounds game, junior Rick Giordano led with six, followed by sophomore Mike Hill with five.

Giordano is modest about the rebound lead.

"I just tried as best as I could this game, and luckily I was able to help out the team," Giordano said. "But a lot of the credit goes to the younger guys like Pat and Craig. They really stepped it up this game, and they've been a great asset to the team this season."

Titan men's basketball ends season with 65-63 loss to W&J

By Bobby Fisher
STAFF WRITER

The Titan men's basketball team ended its season last Saturday with a heartbreaking 65-63 away loss to Washington and Jefferson. They finished the season 10-15 overall and 3-7 versus PAC teams.

The Titans drew first blood in the contest, jumping ahead quickly with a 10-3 lead after the first 4 minutes. The rest of the first half saw their margin jumping to as much as 16 points before halftime.

That's when the Presidents turned the tables.

They rallied two minutes into the second half with a 23-6 run on the Titan defense. By about the eight-minute mark, the game was tied at 51. The Presidents secured the 65-63 lead after seven minutes of nip-and-tuck play.

With 1:10 left in the contest, the Titans missed a golden opportunity to pull ahead when freshman Chris Hatch missed two foul shots. Titan junior Greg Foster missed his attempt after yanking the offense rebound, and junior guard Jeff Simmons failed a tip attempt at the buzzer to keep the score at 65-63.

Despite their botched attempts to save the day, Foster and Simmons were this game's Titan heroes. Simmons led Westminster's scoring this game with 14 points, and Foster posted 10 points and 13 rebounds, the highest rebound total this game.

This Week in Sports

Wednesday, 2/20/02
WBB VS. CASE WESTERN RESERVE -
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Thurs.-Sat., 2/21/02-2/23/02
SW at GCC/PAC Invitational
(Grove City,Pa.)

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

After the completion of another week of the Olympics, I have some thoughts and opinions about the 2002 Winter Games. First of all, the model athletes of the Olympics are not Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, the Canadian skating duo robbed of a true gold medal (more on that later), it is Apolo Ohno.

Ohno, the favorite in the 1,000-meter speedskating event, was about 20 meters away from the gold when he was knocked down in a crash he did not cause. What impressed me the most about his silver medal was his reaction. He didn't whine about his lost gold or point fingers at the disqualified skater who caused the crash. Rather, he accepted his medal with grace and pride. He seemed genuinely happy to be a silver medal winner and understands that the race is won by the first man over the line, regardless of a crash.

Especially after the figure skating judge scandal, Ohno is a reminder of why we love watching the Olympics. The winner of the race, however, is my pick for the "Luckiest Underdog" of the Winter Games. Stephen Bradbury avoided a pileup in his preliminary race to make the final 1,000-meter race that he shouldn't have been in. Then, he avoids another crash to win Australia's first ever Winter Olympic gold medal.

He was at least 50 meters behind the crash when it occurred (a significant distance in a 1,000-meter race) and sailed his way onto the top of the medal stand. The funniest part of the race was that Ohno almost had enough time to crash into a wall, compose himself, get up, and throw his body over the line before Bradbury skated by. Only at the Olympics.

This whole business with the "Skategate" scandal was intriguing at first, but now I just want to watch the Olympics. I don't care to hear any more reactions by any more people or see Sale and Pelletier prancing around to various celebrity events and sharing their sad story. I sympathize with the duo and believe that they were robbed of an unforgettable opportunity to win the gold medal immediately after their performance. However, we all know it was fixed, we all know the Canadians were better, and they finally got their medal. End of story.

I couldn't believe they showed the entire second medal ceremony, including the 20-plus minutes of the Russians and Canadians hugging and kissing and posing for pictures and hugging some more and smiling and acting like they genuinely like each other. And the announcers made the whole thing worse. They acted like it was comparable to winning the gold the first time and that this moment was more emotional than any other event. The truth is, it wasn't. Sale and Pelletier were cheated of their moment and it could never be replaced.

After the event, Sale told a reporter that she wished they weren't the focus of the Olympics and that everyone should focus on all the other sports that are going on now. Well said.

My final gripe is about ice dancing. This is the first Olympics that I have watched this event and it was a waste of time. I realize that it is probably more difficult than it looks, but after watching pairs figure skating, this event was comical. I kept waiting for the guy to throw the girl, but it never happened. This is one of the few events that I refuse to watch now. Basically, it is pair skating with fancier costumes, more makeup, louder music, less excitement and less skill. Not a good event, in my opinion.

Eighty people participate in spring aerobics class

By Sara Ialongo
STAFF WRITER

Sweaty women work out to the beat of fast music at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Old 77.

Senior Anna Tielsch and junior Richelle Vajdich are the instructors for this spring's aerobics class which will continue through March 8. After a brief hiatus, the program resumed with the help of Coach S. Kipley Haas.

The class was well received with 80 students, faculty and community members registered. "We wanted to offer something to the students that was noncompetitive," Haas said. "We were pleasantly surprised by the turnout."

Many students enjoy the class because it is an opportunity to exercise and be social.

"I go for the workout, but I am so glad I can do this with my friends," junior Lydia Humenycky said.

Sit-ups, tae-bo, kickboxing and dancing are some of the exercises Tielsch and Vajdich teach. Every class is different; some students mentioned the level of difficulty increased weekly.

"We like to incorporate a variety of exercises," Tielsch said. "We started out easy, and now we are doing harder things."

A $10 fee, which pays for t-shirts, tapes, gym time and the instructors, gives participants the incentive to not miss a class. "I actually signed up and paid to do this class ... so I feel motivated to come back," senior Sarah Schmidl said.

The faculty members said they love the class. "I needed more aerobic exercise ... it's different, close, cheap and a good time for me," counselor Babs Quincy said. "I think it's great!"

The women said they enjoy the workout, atmosphere and each other. "I like the music, especially the oldies," Quincy said. Others rely on the class for a stress relief. "It raises my heart rate and makes me feel better after student teaching," Schmidl said.

Either way, Haas wants to keep the program going. "This just might be a yearly event," she said.

Tielsch said exercising is essential for students. "It is a really important event for our campus," she said. "We should be strong both physically and mentally."

Photo by Kristin Park
Members of the new aerobics class tone up.

Intramural sports offer wide variety of activities

By Corrine Hoffman
STAFF WRITER

The college's intramural program is dedicated to providing an opportunity for all students to become involved.

"Intramurals is about having fun and participating," said Girish Thakar, intramural coordinator.

The program offers a large range of sports and activities including men's and women's basketball, coed basketball, men's and women's volleyball, coed softball, coed indoor soccer, inner tube water polo and fun runs.

The program seeks to include all members of the student body through a number of ways. First, students decide which sports are included. "We cater to what the students want," Thakar said. The program attempts to accommodate all reasonable requests for new sports and activities.

Second, the program is moving toward the inclusion of more lifetime activity sports, Thakar said. One activity that has recently been included is an aerobics class. Thakar said he hopes that with the completion of the new student union, there will be a place for table tennis and pool tournaments.

Third, the program seeks to include all athletes. Intramurals is not just for varsity athletes. A restricted number of varsity athletes are allowed to participate on each team to encourage greater competition. Some of the more popular sports such as basketball, which has about 20 teams competing, feature three different levels of competition.

Students who want to play at a more advanced level have the opportunity to do so, while those who want to play socially, or do not have as much playing experience, can enjoy the game as well.

Fourth, the program is trying to make it easier for more people to participate. To accommodate students with busy schedules, Thakar is trying to create more one-day tournaments. Basketball, soccer, volleyball, racquetball and table tennis tournaments have been planned.

"Intramurals allow you time to get away from the school aspect of college and let out some stress by playing sports," freshman Mike Arrigo said.

Thakar encourages students interested in playing intramural sports to create a team by talking to friends, sorority or fraternity members and students on their halls. If any students are interested in learning more about intramurals, they can visit the intramural office in the field house or the school web site.

For more sports information:
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OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Speaking of crack, we have a nice one in our ceiling."

"Why is it that when I leave the cafeteria I still smell like the cafeteria?"

"I still don't like that this school made me take my flag down. USA! USA!"

"So, what is a Holcad anyway? Some kind of Greek tugboat?"

"The shortest distance between two points has construction in it."

"I wish my parents had taught me to look both ways before crossing the sidewalk."

"Gospitality was awesome. I feel rejuvinated. I loved it. Kudos to the BSU."

"Has anyone else noticed a mouse problem in Eich?"

"Why can we only walk on lanes 5-7 on the track?"

"Why does the water taste like dirt?"

"The sweet potato fries in the cafeteria were excellent."

"Why do people complain about non-handicap people using the push-button doors? You can't just go putting buttons all over campus willy-nilly and expect people not to push them."

"We're not lazy, the doors are just really heavy."

"Doesn't PA have a leash law?"

"How are we supposed to know that we have packages when the school refuses to alert us of their arrival on campus with those little pink slips?"

"What's with those 'Contiki' signs on campus?"

"The Monday Night show rules."

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OUR VIEW: The Olympic spirit

When the Canadian pairs figure skating team and the Russian pairs team stood atop the podium Sunday night to accept the gold medal together after a week-long controversy, a lot of questions that were forming were suddenly quelled.

In the beginning it seemed that the Canadian pair, while truly deserving of the gold medal, acted a little childishly. When the scores were announced, Jamie Sale immediately burst into tears, which were caught on camera. Later, Sale and David Pelletier were the subject of every late night show, daytime show and news cast.

What went so wrong to cause the controversy? Apparently it's all about politics. The French judge was pressured to vote for the Russians, so that the Russians would vote for the French in the ice dancing competition. Needless to say, the French judge was ousted for the rest of the Olympics.

Unfortunately, for a week, the Russian pair was unable to enjoy their gold medal, being told by the world that they didn't deserve it.

Now, however, the controversy is over and the pairs should both be able to enjoy their medals.

Did what happen completely go against the Olympic spirit?

In some ways it did. One rule of the game seems to be that people accept loss gracefully. What saved this controversy from simply being a "they cried about it then got the medal" deal, was that the rest of the world was up in arms. Sale and Pelletier may not have fought for the gold on their own, but the rest of the world protested.

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In light of the controversy, however, the spotlight was taken off of other athletes who might have deserved it.

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NBC plasters their broadcasts with stories of those who have succeeded. So do many websites, such as Yahoo's Olympic site, http://sports.yahoo.com/oly.

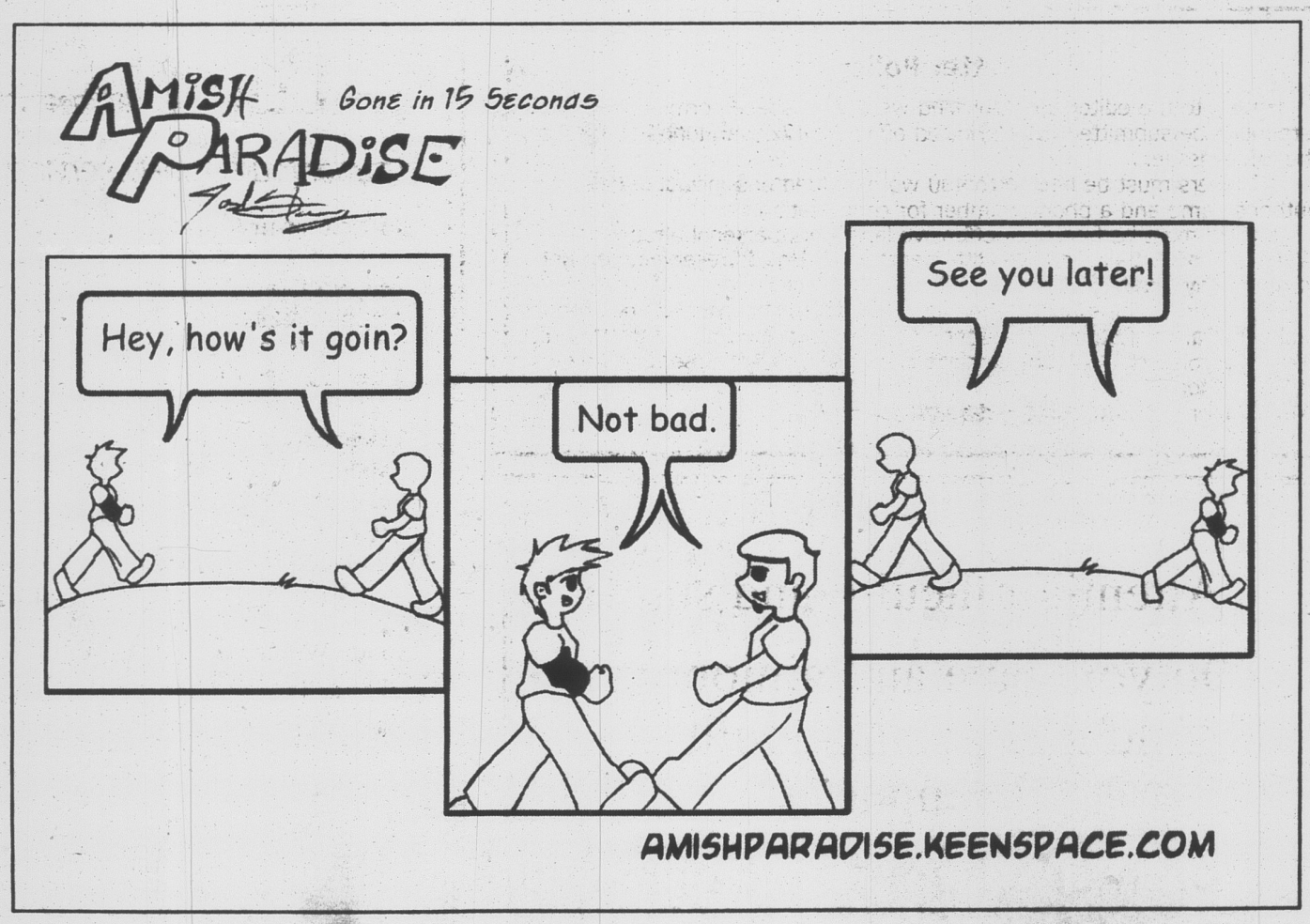
Todd Eldredge, a thirty-year old figure skater from the United States, has been to three of the last four Olympic games without once getting a medal. Eldredge was U.S. champion for six years. In this Olympics Eldredge fell on a jump and ruined his chances of ever receiving an Olympic medal.

Another heartwrenching story is that of U.S. bronze medalist in the snowboarding parellel giant slalom, Chris Klug. Klug had a liver transplant just 19 months ago after suffering from a disease called, primary sclerosing cholangitis.

The stories go on and on. Even the female part of the Russian duo that almost stole the gold medal from the Canadians has suffered from injury and a coma.

Now, that the controversy has come to pass, we can focus on the important stories and the Olympic spirit. We can cheer, not just for the United States, but all athletes who try to do their best.

We can be thankful that so far (knock on wood) the Olympic games have been a safe occasion for all those involved.



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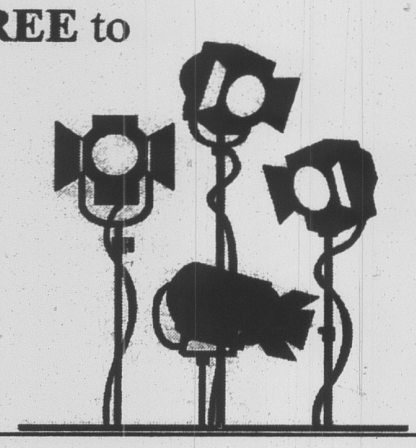

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Crossroads

Tyler Domske

These really must be some hard times that we are going through in this country right now. The whole country is being hit with this recession, Planet Hollywoods are closing all over, and even hard-working pop stars are having to moonlight as movie stars just to pay the bills on their multi-million dollar estates and BMWs.

What is this, a John Steinbeck novel? Admirably rolling up her sleeves and joining the front lines to do what she has to do for this country, Britney Spears has answered the call: "Help out the economy. Make as many self-indulgent movies and Pepsi commercials as you can."

It appears that Britney has come to the bat on both issues. We all know what a smash the latter was, splashing the Superbowl with time-traveling hijinx, enough to make you want to go out and by a 24-pack of every type of Pepsi they make. But how will mighty Britney faire in her first starring role? Here comes the pitch...

With a title like *Crossroads*, you really should know what you are getting into. The title alone practically gives away the plot (which is so thin, by the way, that the title really does give it away). If you've seen any of the ads for the movie, you know that it is loaded with more chick-flickery than anything that Meg Ryan has ever done.

The reason the movie even gets off the ground is very simple and obvious: Britney. Having a Britney Spears starring role will guarantee a certain amount of business. It doesn't matter whether the movie is good or not (the same can be said for her albums). Britney Spears has risen to a certain echelon of icon status, that ensures that people will buy her product, regardless of its value, solely on the fact that it came from her. Case in point would be Michael Jackson's recent album. It was released as the number one record in the country, and true music appreciators and elitists everywhere shook their heads in frustrated impotence.

I hold an interesting perspective on this topic. I would consider myself both a cultural elitist and junkie. I appreciate the intrinsic value and quality of art, such as music and film, and have very strong favorites based on artistic quality over aesthetic pleasure. Yet at the same time, I have no real standards when it comes to what I will watch. I'm a pop culture whore. I think this provides me with a rather interesting perspective on this movie.

Yes, yes, it's a horrible movie, but if you didn't know that by now, you really should stop watching Dawson's Creek right now and go see a doctor. What's more important about this movie is that its less a movie than a platform for Britney, and from that standpoint, it delivers in spades.

The story follows three high school graduates (Spears, and two girls you will never hear about again) who were once best friends and have had a falling out. Through circumstances which are both convenient for a lazy screenwriter and forgettable to an audience who doesn't care about plot, they all get together to travel across country to L.A.

Mimi, a pregnant tough girl (gasp) wants to get to L.A. to become a pop star, and they are holding auditions in a week. Kit wants to go see her fiance who is reluctant to come home and see her for the summer (I wonder why). Most importantly, Lucy (Britney) wants to meet her long-lost mom ("Sex in the City's" creepy old Kim Catrall) who lives in Arizona. Lucy is also rather disturbingly concerned about her chronic virginity (which lends to a lovely after-prom scene, by the way).

Who could possibly take these three wildcats all the way to the west coast? Why not too-cool-for-school guitar player Ben, who may or may not have killed a guy (I'll give you $10 if you can guess whether he did or not). Along the way, there's lots of mugging, looking cute and singing N'Sync songs on the radio. Then, uh-oh. The car breaks down. Where will they get money? Oh, yes, a karaoke bar, naturally.

The movie goes on like that, until Lucy and Ben fall in love, and Lucy can finally get down for the very first time. Lucy's meeting with her mom (which lasts all of 30 seconds) falls flat, and her over-protective dad (Dan Akroyd) comes to L.A. to get her. In the end, dad lets her live her own life, and Lucy gets to live out her friend's dream of becoming a pop star, turning into Britney Spears to plug the "I'm Not a Girl" song one more time before the credits roll.

There's some drama mixed in there in very light doses, but it only reaches the level of reality that "Saved by the Bell" did when Kelly couldn't afford a prom dress and Zach had a private prom with her (it never goes as far as when Jesse was hooked on caffeine pills, thank Grampa).

If you could sum this movie up in one word, it would be gratuitous. This movie exists for the sole purpose of giving you loads and loads of Britney. To that effect, everything else takes a back seat. It's sad to think that Tamra Davis directed this, having directed two of the funniest movies of the past 10 years in *Billy Madison* and *Half Baked*, and that she's married to Mike D. of the Beastie Boys.

You'd think that some of that funk would rub off on her, but alas she has been demoted to filming an oversized Britney Spears video. The problem is that Britney is so electrifying that it makes this movie very hard not to like. Britney has this sort of magnetism that makes you oddly glued to each scene. Her radiant mug graces practically every shot of the film, making it like one long Britney video. Every scene is shot as if to say "Look at me!" (to which I gladly answer, "Well, alright.").

There is a reason everyone got quiet in the room when her Superbowl commercial came on. She has this electrifying presence that makes you want to watch whatever it is that she does. You may go on afterwards about how dumb she looked with a sock on her hand or how bad she lip syncs, but there is still something about her that makes you want to watch. *Crossroads* gives you two hours to do just that.

Before I close I want to mention two things: First, if you switch around all the letters in "Britney Spears" you get "Presbyterians." Figure that one out. Second, let's all take a moment of silence and reflection for the career of Dan Akroyd, which was officially pronounced dead after he agreed to make this movie...thank you.

Grade: D+

Worth: Definitely worth the dollar movies, maybe even the matinee if you are so inclined. Make sure that you are in the mood to see a bad movie though. Although this is no Glitter, it is still a far cry from anything I would call good.

Brad Dell

All I have to say is, Tyler made me do it. I certainly didn't want to do it, but Tyler made me...(I hope he dreams well tonight.) Yes, I was forced to submit myself to the latest Britney Spears disaster, *Crossroads*, her new movie (dare I call it that?). And oh my, though some may say that she is pretty, this ridiculous jaunt in cinematic debauchery is anything but.

I went into the theater knowing (not even speculating, but knowing) that this film was going to wow my every sense of disgust, and I couldn't have been more correct. And you know, that really gets my sheep. A runty, dirty, smelly, three-legged, three-horned sheep. This is such a lousily made film with some of the worst acting that I have ever seen. It all should have been left on the cutting room floor. But because it stars America's newest manufactured sex toy, we are beckoned to flock to it. Well, by God, when did quality get completely tossed out the window? I'm sorry, but I demand more from the world. We can't be this depraved.

Crossroads is basically every fake, caged butterfly image that Brit (she doesn't deserve being referred to by her full name, let alone her last name) has ever tried to portray combined with every *Thelma and Louise*, *Circle of Friends*, *Coyote Ugly*-like girl buddy movie of the last two decades. But while those movies have varying degrees of respectable elements, *Crossroads* defies even the most miniscule level of worth. Brit plays Lucy (oh how disgustingly cute), a virginal (yeah right Brit ... you and Justin can tell that one to your local priest) high school valedictorian (did Brit even graduate from high school?).

When they were young, Lucy and her two best friends made a pact to stay friends forever. Eight years pass, and blah, blah, blah, times change ... by graduation they have become bitter enemies (and coincidentally fall into the three most stereotypical high school stigmas - the virginal brain, the burn-out, and the cheerleader, how delightfully original). But by some miracle of

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Soaring to new heights: Beth tries to make a life-size paper airplane

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

Last Friday night, I was busying myself in the art room as usual--trying to entertain myself since the entertainment around here falls short of my expectations. As I dabbled with clay and paint, I suddenly had a brilliant idea. Perhaps it was the turpentine talking, but I suddenly knew that I should make a life-size paper airplane-immediately. Of course I voiced my opinion to my friend Ann-Marie Vazzano, and she agreed that the idea was great and should be put into effect right away.

The life-size paper airplane soared--sort of. It was a bit flimsy, but we were tired and decided to get some coffee and perfect the life-size paper airplane at some other time.

The very next morning--not even eight hours later really--I had to attend the LEAD seminar with other resident assistants as part of our residence life training.

Of course, in order to wake us up, the people running these events usually have to incorporate some sort of activity before getting things started. In my sleepy daze, I suddenly found myself with a group of people, and we were given five sheets of paper, three paperclips, masking tape, markers and pens. The task: to create a paper airplane.

I thought back to the night before and realized that this paper airplane business was no coincidence. I realized that I was meant to be a part of paper airplane history.

With my dedicated group of fellow RAs, I helped to build a beautiful paper airplane measuring about a foot and a half with impressive distance flying capabilities. I learned how important paper clips and tape are for holding the paper airplane together and weighing it down in various areas. Our paper airplane flew the farthest and it had flair.

Everyone else was intimidated by our superior paper airplane. I was disappointed in one of the other groups, however. Since the goal of the contest was to have a plane that could fly the farthest, one group simply crumpled paper up in the form of a ball and threw it. It soared. Clever, but it wasn't a paper airplane.

Finding myself nearly obsessed with paper airplanes, I decided that I should do some research. After all, if I'm going to put the college on the map by getting into the Guinness Book of World Records for creating the most versatile and largest paper airplane ever-then I better get started.

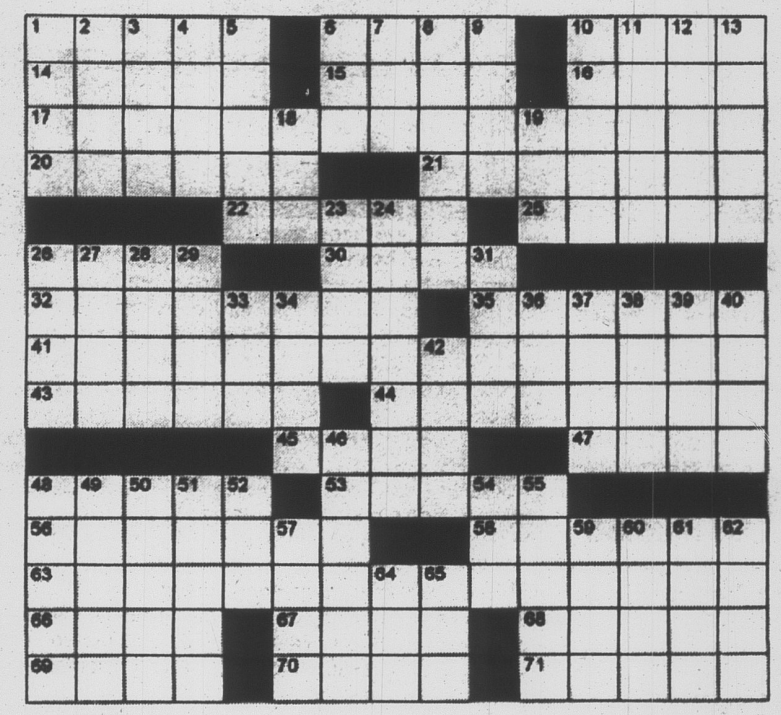
Before the idea of paper airplanes, the Chinese used paper to make kites about 2000 years ago. Also the earliest hot air balloons constructed in the 1700s utilized paper. The first balloon to carry humans in 1783 consisted of cloth lined with paper. As the fascination for a plane rather than a balloon gained momentum, paper airplanes were born-and airborne. Most initial references to the paper airplane date back to the early 1900s. Paper airplane models even helped make flying wing planes and the B-2 stealth bomber a reality.

Moral of the story: Next time you're bored, make some paper airplanes-it is a time-honored and worthwhile endeavor. For 50 fun ways to make paper airplanes go to http://www.khs.com/aboutgpa.htm. To enjoy an in-depth paper airplane theme page, go to http://www.cln.org/themes/paper_airplanes.html. As for me, I'm ready to make paper airplane history, and Ken Blackburn, the leading authority on paper airplanes, better just watch out because I think my plane-not my ship-is about to come in.

Crossword 101

At The Circus

By Ed Canty



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32 Word before worker
35 Milk drinks
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43 Club's flag
44 Follows audio or video
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31 Hotshots
33 Frozen dessert
34 Motor vehicles
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38 Solemn promise
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40 Dance movement
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Quotable Quote

A true philosopher is like an elephant; he never puts the second foot down until the first one is solidly in place.

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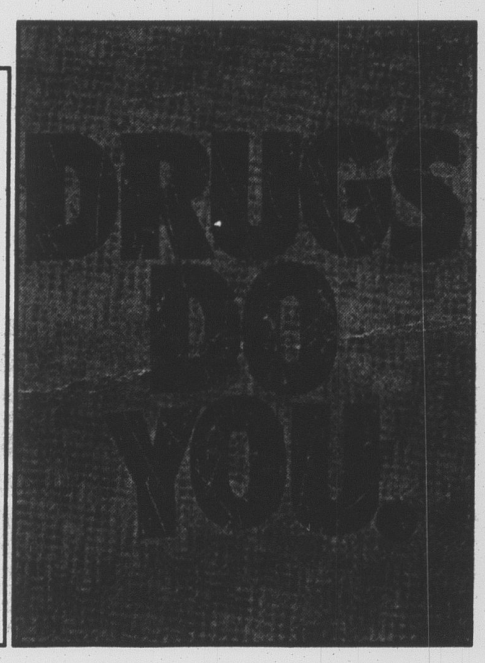


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Change is in the air. Allow old habits and emotions to be swept away and you'll be surprised how fast new and exciting situations will materialize. Chances are that you've been trying to work at things alone. Stop and get feedback from others.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
During the week your physical energy will abound. Use this newfound energy well and include others in the activities, possibly children. Tie up any loose ends. You have a lot to share with those around you.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
There is someone close to you in desperate need of financial help. Look around you closely, this individual may not be obvious. Feelings of passion will follow you during the week. Direct this fiery energy in a positive way. It is a good time to express yourself romantically.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Try to maintain your sunny spirit in the face of depressing circumstances. Do what you can and try to stop worrying. You can do much to change the situations you find yourself in. Do your best to act fairly, for money matters are coming to a head.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
An existing relationship will flourish if you trust the other person completely. There is a real possibility for a new and intense love. Your spark of enthusiasm brings out the best in those around you. This opportunity could pave the way to more responsibility.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You are doing well in your career choice, but know you could be doing better if given the chance. That opportunity for advancement is right around the corner. Be sure you can make good on your promises. There is an introspective friend who needs your emotional support this week.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Turmoil seems to be everywhere this week. Just remember that a great deal of criticism can be delivered effectively with a smile. It will make more sense to keep people on your side if you can channel your rage in a more direct way. Joy could be just as habit forming as pessimism is.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
You may have the opportunity to invest in a creative enterprise. If a relationship is starting to feel a little stagnant, try to find ways to increase vitality, or get out.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It's time to take a lead from an ambitious acquaintance, and take your shot at fame and fortune. Your love life may be a bit rocky this week, so try to accentuate the positive. It's time to sew up any loose ends, leaving no stone unturned as you finish up.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Changes do not come easily, but those that may occur in your personal life will be more accepted than most. Quiet time with family will give you the opportunity to catch up with others' lives. When you put your mind to it, you can accomplish just what you want.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You seem to have a choice of paths to take. Make sure that you are not achieving success at the cost of others. Such ambition will no doubt reap rewards you may not wish for. It feels as if you are running around in circles; everything does not have to be done by the book.

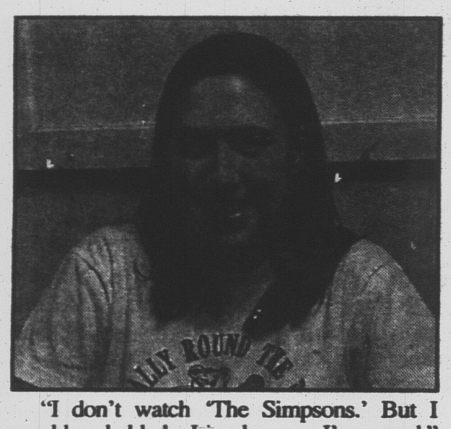
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are getting too attached, you are only setting yourself up for disappointment. Live in the here and now, tomorrow will take care of itself. Much of what you have been striving for is within your grasp, but you may have to count on others to help you reach that goal.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are wearing your feelings on your sleeve, and it's time you realize that you may not be as tough as you think. Withdrawing emotionally may help you figure out just where you are and where you belong. Romantic endeavors may prove more trouble than they are worth right now.

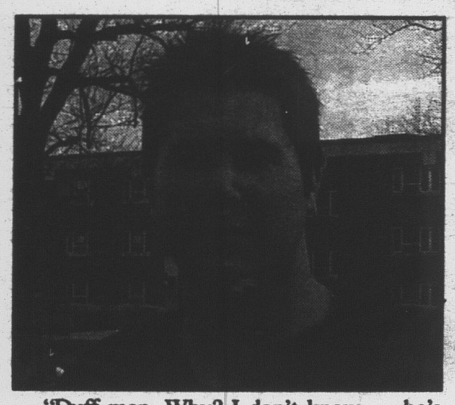
FEATURE

Question of the week: The Simpsons

Who is your favorite Simpsons' character or which character would you most like to be?



"I don't watch 'The Simpsons.' But I would probably be Lisa, because I'm a nerd." – **Stefanie King, junior**



"Duff man. Why? I don't know … he's just that cool." – **Ian Willard, junior**

"I like Moe because he keeps a shotgun under his counter." – **Caryn Nicholson, junior**

"I don't watch TV." – **Natalie Smith, junior**

"Gotta be Homer by far. He's a role model for males today." – **Charles Kiger, junior**

"I like Maggie. She doesn't say much." – **Shanna Sallmen, senior**

"I'd have to say Homer because he says so many great things." – **Carrie Nehez, junior**

"Ralph Wiggum without a doubt. One phrase… Me fail English. That's unpossible." – **Rich Marmura, freshman**

"When "The Simpsons" first came out, my parents, being the anal retentive sheltering figures that they are, wouldn't let me watch "The Simpsons," or "Roseanne." So when I came of age, when it was permissible for me to view "The Simpsons," I did so with the utmost fervor and dedication. As for my favorite Simpsons' character, who else can don a short sleeve short and tie, with the exception of Sipowitz, with such class other than Homer. Or Apu because it is fun to say his name." – **Molly Weaver, senior**

"Barney, because where else can you find a drunkard Barber Shop singer?" – **Kevin Campbell, junior**

"I'd have to say Homer because he's incredibly simple, doesn't worry about anything and everything works out in the end." – **Jake Stumpf, junior**

"I like Apu cause he's got a doctorate in computer science … my major … and drives a really cool sports car." – **Chris Brinker, senior**

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cinema magic (more like piss-poor story telling), the three girls decide to take a cross-country trip together. Why, you ask. I'm sorry, but I can't explain it any better. It's that ludicrously senseless. And what do you expect happens? Yeah, they reunite their friendships, and discover their inner passions. Throw me a freakin' bone here. Oh yes, and of course Lucy (and neither of the other two) falls in love and loses her virginity. What an utterly suspenseless surprise.

To say that this movie contains bad acting is to say that that the Holocaust was bad for Jews. Good Lord, Brit could use some acting lessons from the likes of Lassie, the dog, or Thing, the walking hand in *The Adam's Family*. Her particularly high-pitched, skin-driven brand of emoting came through the cinema screen like a Winnebago through one of her precisely vacant eye sockets. She literally had me writhing in the theater, and believe me, it was not because of her incessantly skimpy attire. Even her love scenes were spectacularly like rice pudding. Janet Reno on Valium in a wet T-shirt would be hotter than Brit's two brief and pathetic kisses. Gag me with a rusty fork.

But whoa..."Brit the Flit" was not alone in making dirty, naughty actor sins. All the misfits surrounding this mugged-out mugwump fell into the trap of matching her acting prowess. Particularly lack-lustre performances were given by Anson Mount and Zoe Salanda. Mount played Lucy's love interest, the scruffy and mysterious songwriter, Ben. I'm certain that he, like Brit, was there only to be a pretty face and body. The moment that he opened his mouth, my IQ dropped 10 points. Salanda dawned the cap of testy popular snob, Kit. She did no more than tap into the squalling, cat-fight-type stereotype that her role offered. A poor showing all around. And what the heck was Dan Aykroyd doing as Lucy's father? You know your once illustrious career is over when you're playing a supporting role in a skin-flick for 12-year-olds.

But above and beyond the Brit bungles (yes I am able to look past the surface downfalls), the screenplay is atrocious. Screenwriter Shonda Rhimes must have flunked out of the WB school of overdramatic teenage angst because even that upstart network wouldn't air five minutes of such dismally bland and clichéd writing.

Without even mentioning the alarmingly upsetting molestation that Brit performed on some really great songs (like Joan Jett's "I Love Rock n' Roll"), I can easily say that this is the worst movie that I have ever seen. Seriously, you need to avoid it like a seven year itch. Take some advice Brit ... go take a walk you'll remember ... right into a mega-pot of molten lava. This movie receives 0 stars.

Brad's Oscar Buzz: Perhaps that for the 2003 Oscars, they can add a category for best prop. I nominate Britney Spears. I think she's a lock for the win.

It claims good people.

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Lani vs. WC
Pets in dorms

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

You want to know why I hate Valentine's Day? Then read on. Do you remember when The Holcad wrote an article about dormitory pets? Well, I decided to give it a try.

I went home two weekends ago. My friend drove me back to school but before we left Monroeville, we stopped at Elmer's Aquarium so I could purchase a Betta (also called Siamese Fighting Fish) and experience having a pet in my dorm room.

I have, in the past, killed many species of plants. Because my roommates and I choose to name every living thing that comes into our room after someone famous, we have killed, in no particular order: Salvador Dali, Audrey Hepburn, T.S. Eliot, Tupac Shakur and George Bernard Shaw. I also had a fiddler crab named Ted Nugent.

I named my new Betta Alice Cooper (of "Feed My Frankenstein" fame). I picked him over nearly 30 other tropical fish because of his colors- blue and green. He appeared to be a happy, healthy fish upon purchase and as soon as I returned to school, my friend Jen and I put him into a brand new fish bowl with blue marbles to bring out his color. I fed him as soon as he was introduced to his new home.

Jen left and Alice Cooper was fine for the next couple of days. He was well fed and seemed to enjoy watching the Olympics with my roommates and I. I did, however, notice that hovered around the bottom of the bowl a lot. I asked around, contacted a few people who had experience with Bettas, and everyone agreed that he was still in the adjustment phase of his fish life.

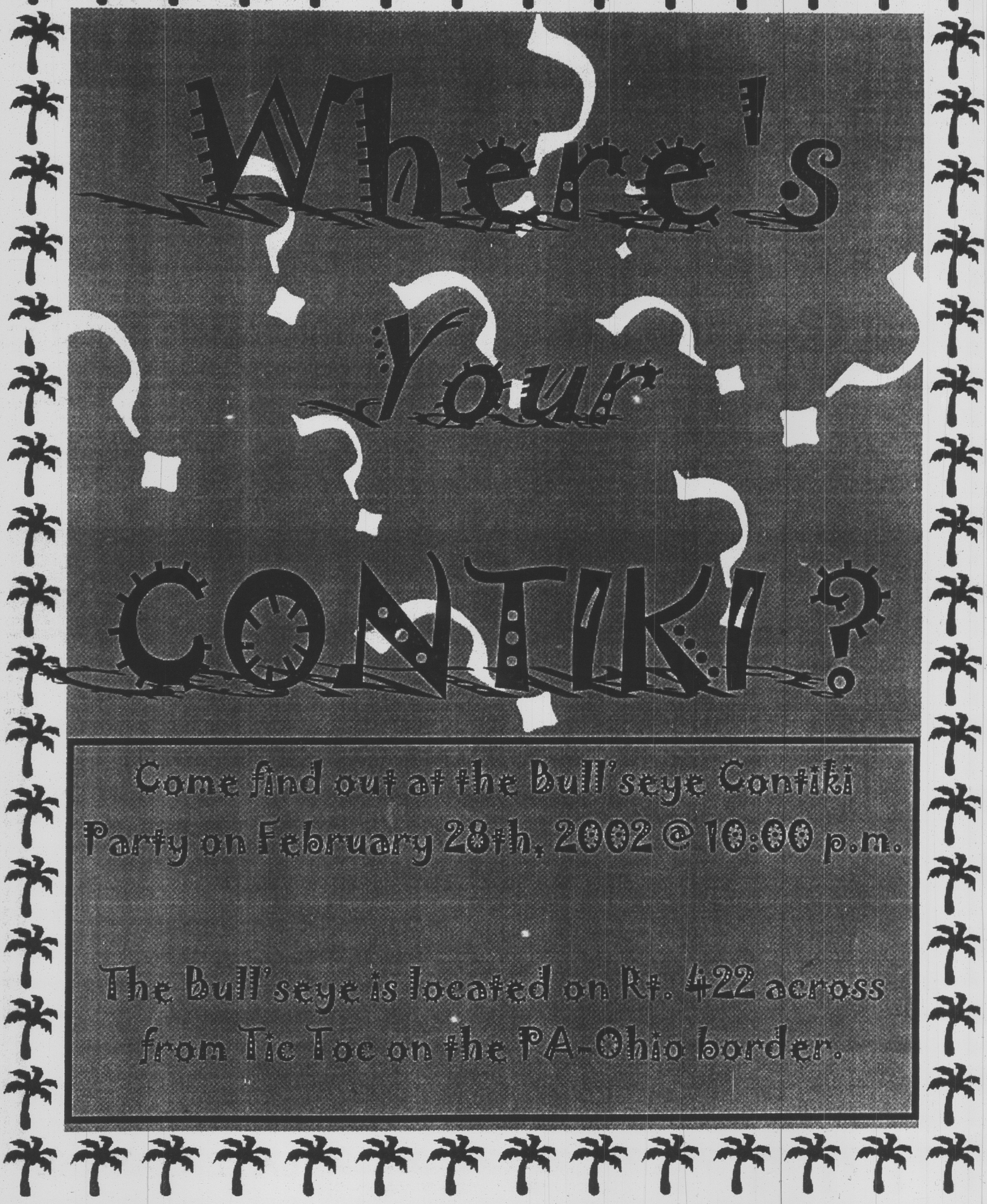
On Wednesday night, I noticed that Alice seemed to have a hair coming from his gills and that he was covered in what appeared to be a white fuzz. I was concerned and immediately changed his water - but only half of the water so that he would not die from shock due to the change in water temperature. This is information I obtained through a "Happy Betta Life" handout from Elmer's Aquarium.

Once the hair was removed (we used tweezers, but very carefully) and the water was changed, Alice seemed to be looking much better. He was swimming around more and the stuff all over him was beginning to go away. Then I went to bed.

Early the next morning, around 6 a.m., I got out of bed. Poor Alice Cooper was belly up. I took him to the bathroom, his final resting place, where he was eulogized and prayed for, and then flushed. Alice Cooper died on Valentine's Day - just figures, doesn't it?

So, in my experience with dorm room pets, I have determined that if you cannot keep plants alive, don't even think about getting a fish. Mine lasted for four days. After speaking with a few biology majors, I have determined that my fish had "ick" and that he probably was sick before he left the pet store. So I advise all future dorm pet owners to be wary of what pet store they go to and be aware of what can happen to them.

We currently have four plants in the room - David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Graham Nash and Neil Young - I just hope that we can keep them alive.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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETRO DANCE, hosted by Alpha Phi Omega, is scheduled Friday, Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. in the Down Under.

JEEPERS CREEPERS, will be shown in the Down Under, Saturday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m. Free popcorn, pop and cappuccino will be available.

NIGHTS OF DAZE will perform live at the Down Under, Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 p.m.

THE DANGERS OF CLUB DRUGS, a special presentation by the Student Health Center, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in Patterson 311. This program will feature Doug Wentz, who has 24 years of experience in the field of chemical dependency.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICK-OFF PARTY is Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Down Under. This is for anyone who has participated, wants to participate, or has any questions about the Westminster College Relay For Life. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available.

ALTERNATIVE SPORTS GROUP is looking for people interested in starting a club on campus. If you would like to learn to roll a canoe or have an interest in alternative sports (kayaking, skateboarding, etc.) call Isaac, EXT. x7475, or e-mail: ludwigih@westminster.edu.

DR. ANN COBLE'S NEW BOOK, COTTON PATCH for the Kingdom, has been released by the Herald Press. Based on her dissertation, Cotton Patch is a biography of civil rights activist Clarence Jordan, a Southern Baptist minister who worked in the rural south during the mid-20th century. His ideas provided the inspiration for Habitat for Humanity.

BILL STONER'S ITOSU-KAI EDUCATION AND SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES are being held in the area. Develop self-esteem, confidence, discipline and cardiovascular training. For information on personal training and group classes, call (724) 652-1732.

DOMINO'S PIZZA has a special Wednesday deal for Westminster College students and staff ... medium pizza for $2.99. For more information, contact Rob Disman, area Domino supervisor, at (724) 654-9870.

THE LAST AND FINAL SKI TRIP of the season will be this Saturday to Holiday Valley. All are welcome, bus leaves at 7:00 a.m. from the Field House. If you have any questions call 9 6-9320 and ask for Dave.

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Student Government Association holds slate debates

By Molly Dyke
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Wednesday's slate debates took the place of the weekly SGA meeting. The debate was held in Philips Lecture Hall. The current slate and senators, prospective new slates and the campus community were in attendance.

The debate focused on several topics that the campus is concerned with. These issues include student diversity, all campus activities, campus wide improvement and many more current issues.

The debate began with opening statements from both slates. Members of SGA created a list of questions at last week's meeting. These questions were presented to the slates. The audience was also given time to ask questions at the end of the debate.

Elections are the next step for the slates. These elections will be held via e-mail and secret ballot. E-mail votes will be accepted from Tuesday, Feb. 26, until 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Secret ballot voting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 28. Senators will be collecting ballots at lunch and dinner outside of Duff Dining Hall. Students must bring their Titan cards to cast a secret ballot vote.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 22
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Retro Dance - Down Under

SATURDAY 23
Swimming @ PAC Invitational (Grove City)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Movie: Jeepers Creepers - Down Under

SUNDAY 24
3:00 p.m. Chamber Ensemble Recital - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: Jeepers Creepers - Down Under

MONDAY 25
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Initiation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 26
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. RHAB Meeting
5:30 p.m. Relay for Life Kickoff - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 27
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Helen Boylan: "Microwaves Aren't Just for Cooking" - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Amici Trio Recital - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 28
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group -TC 315
Book: Emily of the New Moon
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: You Can't Take It With You - Beeghly Theater
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

We're *nuts* about our new baby squirrels!

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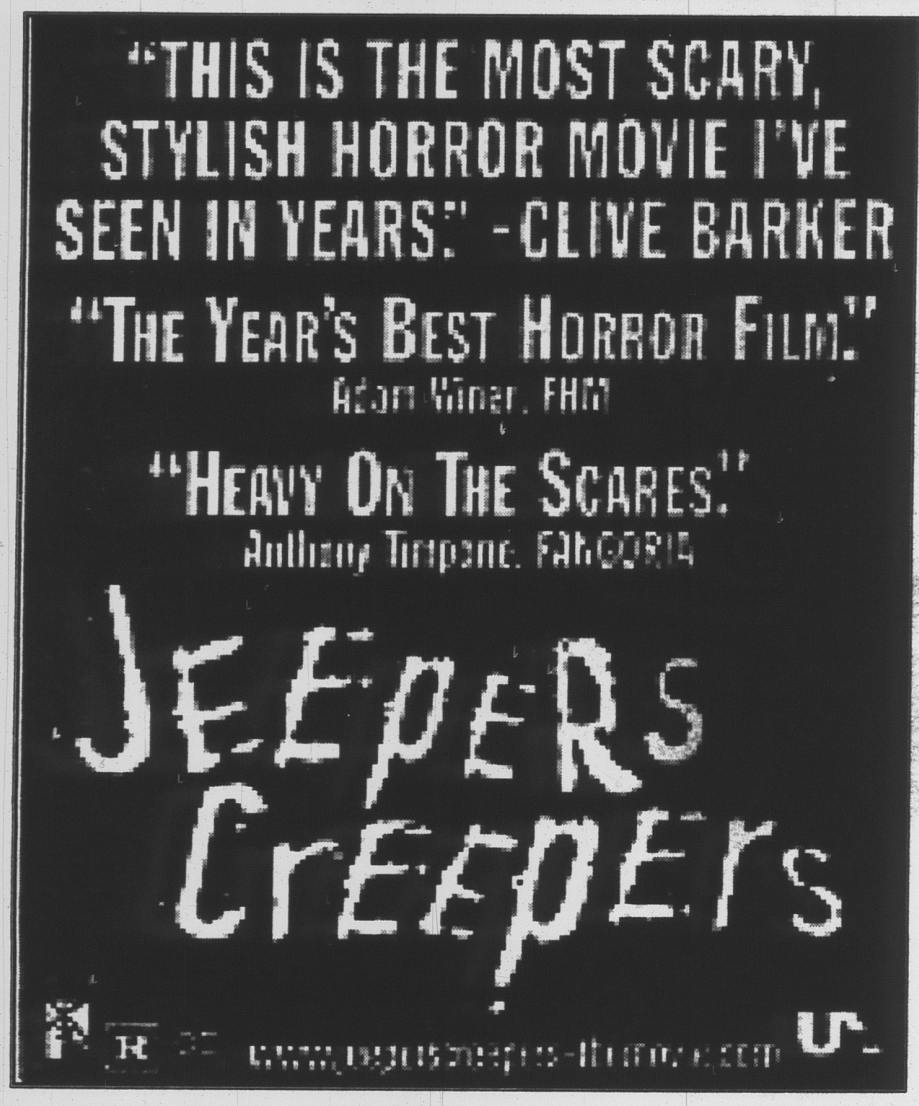

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Feb 22

9:00 p.m.

Retro Dance

Hosted By Alpha Phi Omega

Saturday, Feb 23

10p.m. - 12a.m.

Band

Night of Daze

Sunday, Feb 24

9:00 p.m.

Movie

Jeepers Creepers

As always, free popcorn, soda and cappuccino

Upcoming Events:

Mar 1: JT's Cafe
Mar 2: Comic - TINY
Mar 22: 1 Acts
Mar 23: 1 Acts
Apr 5: JT's Cafe
Apr 6: Comic - Jon Repp
Apr 13: Comic - Steve Byrne
Apr 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend
Apr: 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe
May 4: VolleyRock

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Security strike a rumor

By Jessica Vjtuccio
STAFF WRITER

Many rumors have been circulating about Pickup day this weekend, but with a few minor changes, the weekend's activities will proceed as usual.

Dean of safety and security John Lechner says no rules were changed for weekend parties, but some modifications have been made to existing rules. "We want to tighten up a little on what they do to have better compliance with existing rules," Lechner said.

Minor changes have been made to combat underage drinking. Students who are 21 will be issued a colored wristband to identify them as legal. Each person of legal age will be allowed to bring only one six pack to the parties. Minors attempting to bring alcohol to parties will not be allowed inside the house and anyone seen in violation of the rules will be escorted from the house. Lechner outlined these changes in an all-campus e-mail sent Wednesday.

Some of the other rumors circulating included one about police officers patrolling Saturday's activities. There will be no police officers patrolling the festivities other than those who are already a part of the campus security. The security at the college has been half police and half security for this entire semester. "We have no intention of arresting people," Lechner said.

Lechner also assures the Liquor Control Enforcement, which is a branch of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement out of Erie, Pa., will not be on campus this weekend. "If they show up they will have basically lied to me," Lechner said.

It was also said by some students that Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, would be taking pictures of intoxicated people. Hawthorne will be at the festivities on Saturday and she will have her camera with her. "I will be there and I will have my camera but I usually do have my camera to take pictures of campus events," Hawthorne said.

There is practically no way that students

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Graduates facing bad job market

By Karen Coulter
STAFF WRITER

Students receiving their undergraduate degrees this year may face the worst job market in nearly a decade. The National Association of Colleges and Employers called this year's job market for graduating seniors the tightest since 1994 in a New York Times article.

The national unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in January, the highest since April of 1995. Regional Industry and Business Analyst Roberta Wilson of the Department of Labor and Industry said that graduates still have reason to feel optimistic.

"In general in the Pittsburgh area, job growth rate was up. It was a minimal growth rate as compared to what occurred in the year 2000," Wilson said. "But, it was still growth."

She recommended keeping in mind that specific industries are contributing to higher unemployment. Since September 11, transportation and related industry has contributed to more unemployment.

Area manufacturing and service sectors were affected by the recession. Cutbacks in electronic products also occurred.

The market might be tough even when the recession ends, Wilson said. "To increase jobs, you must have increased production schedules and inventory flow-because business warrants it. A company may hold back expanding until they feel secure."

Students will also have to compete with the experienced, recently laid off worker.

Labor Department records show expansions and creations of new jobs in the Pittsburgh area. Wilson reports that Nurelm Internet Solutions will be creating 115 positions over a three-year period in Fayette County. Pennatronics is slated to hire 200 and

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Fraternities to pick up Saturday

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

Men's Pickup is on Saturday morning, and the five fraternities on campus are preparing for the event.

Friday evening, the freshmen and independent men will go through a final round robin, visiting each of their prospective fraternity houses. The next morning, the rushees will discover which house they will join. After that, they will go to their respective fraternity meeting place and begin the day of activities.

Junior Michael DaVia is a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi. "The Alpha Sigs will have their traditional pickup ceremony," DaVia said. "The pledges crawl over the fence in front of Russell and are knighted by the president of the fraternity."

Following the ceremony, pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi will return to their house for an afternoon and evening of activities.

"Guys' Pickup is going to be a fun day,

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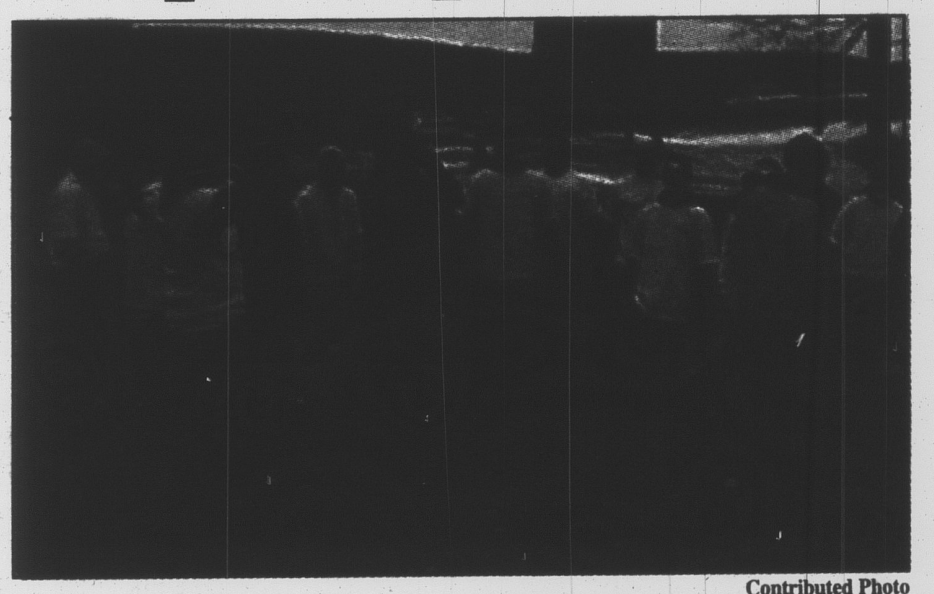

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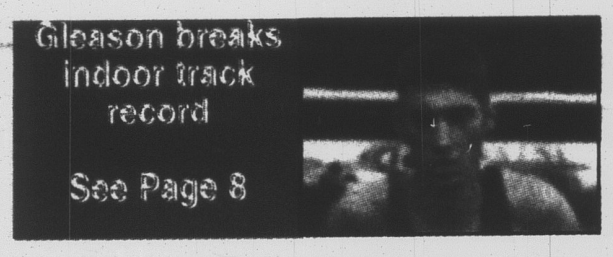
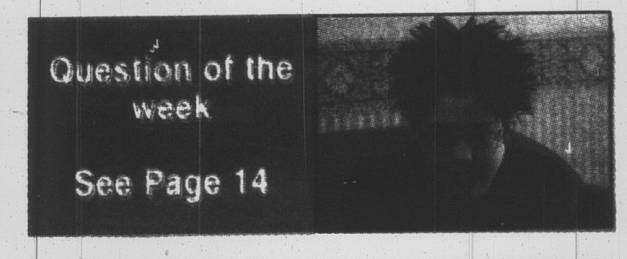
The brothers of Theta Chi pick up their pledges during the 2001 Pickup Day activities.





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Saturday: Wintry Mix high 47° low 26°

Sunday: Rain/Snow high 41° low 12°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Lechner answers questions about alcohol policies

By Kara Stivason
STAFF WRITER

Question and Answer Series on Alcohol with Dean Lechner

(Q- student or professor, A- Dean Lechner)

Q : "Would we get in trouble from campus security if we were found intoxicated on campus?" – Anonymous, senior

A: "Yes, the student can be written up. It does not matter if you are 21 or over. In the Pennsylvania Crime Codes, there is an article devoted to this called public drunkenness or public intoxication. In the Student Code of Conduct, article one, it states the violation of any state, federal or local law is cause to be written up."

Q: "What is the deal with the Down Under? Do they hold a liquor license?" –Sarah Plimpton, junior

A: " No, They could not hold a license because New Wilmington is a dry borough."

Q: "If you are 21, are you allowed to store alcohol in your room?" – Anonymous, junior

A: "No, You are not allowed to have any alcohol on campus. Whether it is in your room, in your car, or whatever, no alcohol is allowed on campus. Students who are 21 and over living off campus or in fraternity houses are the only students permitted."

Q: "Has WC always been a dry campus?" – Elissa Curtis, sophomore

A: "Yes."

Q: "Are they ever going to consider allowing students 21 and over the choice to drink in their rooms?"

A: "No, there has been no consideration to my knowledge."

Q: "What is the reasoning for allowing underage students into the fraternity parties where they will be offered, and most likely drink?' – Anonymous, junior

A: "The reason underage students are allowed at the fraternity houses is because the college wants the students to experience life, and mingle with other students. Social life is an integral part of activity. The college does have an expectation that underage students will act responsibly, and will not drink. The college tries to promote responsible choice by following 'The Whole Person Concept.' This concept is where college isn't just about book learning, but life experiences also. It follows honor, integrity and ethics. Anybody that is determined to drink will drink, no matter what a person does. If the person has access to alcohol, it is bound to happen."

Q: "Why doesn't the college provide alternative events on Friday or Saturday, or do they plan on using the new student center for this?' – Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, professor of music

A: "They do provide alternatives, like the Down Under, where they bring in comedians. There is also JT's Café. Other events are also sponsored by the college such as Feast and Fire, and Mardi Gras."

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like it always is," DaVia said. "It's great to welcome the new brothers into the fraternity, making it even better than it already is," DaVia added.

Junior Geoffrey Bala is a brother of Phi Kappa Tau. "Everyone in Phi Tau is looking forward to Pickup Day," Bala said. "We are losing 19 seniors so these future pledges will be playing a big role in the fraternity," he added.

Last year Phi Kappa Tau won the pickup theme with *Gladiator*, and this year they are going for a *Lord of the Rings* theme. But safety is the theme Phi Kappa Tau takes most seriously.

"Phi Kappa Tau is definitely taking caution about who is in our house this weekend, and not just the Liquor Control Board, but students who are underage as well," Bala said.

Senior Phil Neel is a brother of Sigma Nu. "The ceremony this year for Sigma Nu is going to be a surprise," Neel said. "I am looking forward to having new pledges, so that we may extend our brotherhood."

Junior Todd Lepovsky is vice president of programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"This year we are doing a tribute to those involved in the September 11th attack," Lepovsky said. "We have Pittsburgh Firefighters and bagpipers to honor those that are working hard to get the nation back to where it was."

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon will meet down on the baseball field for the ceremony. Fireworks will be provided by Zambelli's.

"We had one smoker and there was a very good turnout," Lepovsky said. "There are a lot of good guys rushing this year," he added.

Senior Eric Mojock is a brother of Theta Chi. "I'm really looking forward to Pickup," Mojock said. "As a senior, this will be the last Pickup I am involved in, and I remember the excitement Pickup brought when I was a freshman."

Theta Chi brothers and pledges will meet on the softball field by Russel.

"The brothers stand on one side of the field, and the pledges stand on the other," Mojock said. "Somebody says go, and we all run to the center of the field. The brothers then circle the pledges, sing the fraternity song, and we all run down to the house to give out letters and welcome the new brothers into the fraternity," Mojock said.

IFC sponsors new event for Men's Pickup festivities

By Biz Adams
STAFF WRITER

This Men's Pickup, a new event will be held: inter-fraternity bowling at Shenango Bowling Lanes in Newcastle sponsored by the Inter Fraternity Council.

The lanes are reserved for the entire afternoon, so the expected 200 brothers playing will have the place to themselves.

The IFC is composed of student officers. The chairs rotate through the houses so each fraternity holds each title at one time or another.

The bowling on Pickup Day is just one of the steps the IFC has taken to lessen friction and competition between fraternities on campus. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs John Lechner is an adviser to IFC.

"The IFC hopes to foster a greater sense of unity among houses, rather than have an individual focus on each fraternity, which can cause friction and competition among the five fraternities on campus," Lechner said. "It's a good way to promote cohesion and good relationships between the houses."

Another step the IFC has taken to ensure fraternal unity on campus is the weekly meetings. Any brother can go to the IFC meetings, though each fraternity sends a representative who relays the information to individual fraternity meetings.

"The IFC meetings are now held every Sunday night, and a different fraternity house hosts the meeting each week," Lechner said. "Many things are discussed, such as Pickup, philanthropies, coordination of events and basic common issues that all fraternities deal with."

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APEX will create 250 in Washington County.

The growth of technology and related jobs in the 90s could be repeated.

"The next generation of technological advance could be wireless," Wilson said. "There could be a new expansion mode as public and private sector acquire this technology."

No longer do people work a few miles from home. The willingness to relocate and persistence will pay off.

"The career market is a little worse than last year at this time," Kati Edmiston, on-campus recruiting coordinator agreed. Bayer Corporation and Duquesne Energy Incorporated have recruited in the past, but will not this year. Reasons cited were downsizing and layoffs. Both said no openings were anticipated in the management field and hiring would be done in craft and trade positions only.

Edmiston also stressed mobility was important. "There are plenty of federal jobs out there in all areas, if you're willing to relocate."

Locally, Jameson Health Systems with 1300 employees is Lawrence County's largest employer, followed by Pennsylvania State Government, and Liberty Mutual Insurance said Karen DeLozier, a spokesman for the Lawrence County Career Link. She said the employment office is still placing people, but the type of jobs is changing, because manufacturing is changing.

Debbie Neurohr, employment coordinator at Jameson said they are not opening up any new management positions. "As far as management, I doubt there will be strong recruitment. As a hospital, our focus is on clinical staff and will continue to be. The market is skilled professionals, radiographers, RNs and technicians."

"Be prepared and think about relocation," urges Jackie Meade, Career Center director. She suggests using all available resources and covering all bases.

Preparing a good resume is key in a job search she said. Students should send out quite a few resumes and make use of networking, including contacting alumni.

She cautioned not to become discouraged with a lack of responses. She emphasized that attitude is very important, since "It's kind of a job to find a job."

The Career Center offers a variety of opportunities in career planning.

For information on resume preparation and critiques, workshops and mock interviews, contact Kati Edmiston at edmistkj@westminster.edu or at 724-946-7339.

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry web site may be accessed at www.dli.state.pa.us/workforceinfo.

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can be punished as a result of pictures and Hawthorne does not plan to take pictures of drunken individuals to punish them. "Women should respect the day, the men are joining a brother hood, not a drunken-hood," Hawthorne said.

Another rumor suggested that there would be no fraternity parties this weekend. All houses will be open this weekend except one that has decided to make its party invitation only. "There will be guards at the houses and they will be open," Lechner said.

The houses were closed last weekend due to a security guard's concern over liability with underage drinking. Security guards didn't want to do more parties until they were sure they had insurance to cover their liability for witnessing underage drinking. The security company the college uses does have insurance for its employees and they apologized for the interruption.

"They reassured everyone they would be covered and assured me it would be business as usual," Lechner said.

There will be one major change regarding fraternity parties after Pickup day and it involves independent men. Inter Fraternity Council voted to prevent independent men from attending weekend fraternity parties after this Friday night. No independent men will be allowed to attend weekend parties after Friday. Independent women will still be permitted at weekend fraternity parties.

Many rumors regarding this weekend were generated, but Pickup day will proceed without any major changes from last year. "If students spent as much time on their studies as they did on creating rumors, we would have a campus full of four point students," Lechner said.

Senior art students worry about safety of own exhibits

By Jon McKay
STAFF WRITER

Recent vandalism and thefts in the campus art gallery in Patterson have prompted concern from senior art majors as well as a change in scheduling for the spring. Senior art projects were to be displayed in the gallery from mid April until mid May, but now they will only be shown from May 1-9 to reduce the risk of damage or theft. A gallery talk by the art students will take place May 8.

A recent rash of incidents in the gallery targeting the work of guest artists has prompted the concern. A theft on Feb. 12 marked the fourth such incident this year.

"All of us are scared to put our projects up, because unlike the guest artists, we don't have insurance," said Sarah Lohr, a senior art major. "It's just a gamble when you consider there are no definite security measures in place," Lohr added.

Art professor Peggy Cox said she is also apprehensive about the exhibit. "The student projects get hit just as much as the guest artist projects, if not more. And that's really a shame because the people responsible are doing it to their own classmates," Cox said. She added, "We're not going to stop having exhibits in the gallery, that would be horrible. That would mean we've let them win."

Cox plans to contact security about the senior exhibit in May. "I'm going to ask them to keep a close watch on the gallery, and to make sure everything is there every day," Cox said. "And if they do catch those responsible, I'm going to do what I can to make sure security takes the punishment to the limit."

Other seniors share similar concerns. "Most of my work will be saved on a disk, but I'm more concerned about the students with pottery projects," senior Jami White said.

About 10 students will have work on display for the week in May. Projects include work in the fields of painting, ceramics, graphics, photography, advertising and web design.

Relay for Life kicks off fund raising with a party

By Heidi Krieger
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night marked the beginning of one of the school's largest events.

About 20 students attended the Relay for Life kick-off party held in the Down Under from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Relay for Life, sponsored every year by the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, has become a campus and community-wide event.

A separate kick-off party will be held for the community soon "to focus on both aspects for fund raising," said Mike DaVia, 2002 chair of the event.

According to DaVia, the kick-off party served as an announcement for the event and a chance to form teams and start fund raising.

The party featured pizza and socialization after which those attending "watched a video about the serious implications of cancer – the reason we do relay," DaVia said.

A power-point presentation of photos from last year's event was also shown.

Mike Lysakowski, a 1998 graduate of Westminster who works for the American Cancer Society and is in charge of the college's Relay, also spoke at the party.

Anne Poland, survivor walk chair, said the people who came to the event were "enthusiastic to help raise money for cancer research."

She added that students are encouraged to raise money in creative ways. Last year the group sold duct tape and taped people to a wall.

Poland said that students have a good opportunity over Spring Break and Easter to raise money in their hometowns.

Last year the event raised $35,000. This year's goal is $20,000 which will bring the total for the five years the fraternity has been sponsoring the event to $100,000.

Relay for Life will be held on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. That day is also host to many other activities such as 'Lil Sibs Weekend, Earth Day and a campus visitation.

A survivor walk is one of the activities that will take place during the relay. A reception will be held for all the cancer survivors in the area. They will be given a t-shirt and gift bag and will also be honored with a lap around the track.

"It's to honor those who fought a hard battle against cancer," Poland said.

Poland encouraged people to get teams together. She suggested getting residence halls to do it and see who can raise the most money.

"Keep in mind that the goal is to raise money for cancer research," she said. "A lot of people suffer from it."

If you would like to form a team of 10-15 people who are from the school or off-campus, contact DaVia at daviamg@westminster.edu.

Honors program challenges students to go the extra mile

By Kevin Humberston
STAFF WRITER

The average student is trying to make good grades to graduate in four years. A select few students, however, are willing to put more time and effort into the honors program.

The actual program begins during a student's junior year. Students in the program must have at least a 3.3 QPA in their core classes as well as in their majors. The program is open to students from all disciplines. Adviser recommendation and department chair approval are also necessary for entrance into the program.

The key components of the two-year program are the colloquium, a project proposal, a paper and an honors defense.

The spring semester of junior year, participants write topic proposals which include methods and bibliography. Proposals are then submitted to students' Honors Boards (which consist of advisers chosen by the students, a moderator and an Academic Standards Committee member) for approval. The summer and fall of the senior year is spent researching and writing a paper. Students complete the paper in the spring and defend it in front of the honors board during the second semester of their senior year.

Junior Matt Kostovny said he occasionally has second thoughts about being a member of the honors program. "Sometimes I wonder if it is really worth it to continue on with the program," Kostovny said. "The main reason why I stay in the program is because I know that I need something that will challenge me and help me get ready for the future."

Kostovny is writing his final project on the Roman dinner parties. He will try to explain their functions in society, politics and culture.

Senior history major and member of the program, Brad Linn, will be completing his project, "Dissonance and Dissonance: Expression of Political Order in the Music of Shostakovich, 1928-1936," in April. He will explain the Soviet interference in the creative process of the twentieth century composer Dmitri Shostakovich.

"The Honors program has afforded me the opportunity to research in depth a topic of interest to me," Linn said. "I feel working with my mentor, Dr. Martin, has prepared me for graduate study. This program has been the culmination of my Westminster career."

"Head of the Class" offers some advantage in room drawings

By Amanda Kengersky
STAFF WRITER

Room drawings for singles were held Feb. 12, while all other room drawings will be held in March and April.

Students interested in staying in their current rooms must fill out a squatter's application by March 1. Applications are available in the student affairs office.

Regular room drawings are conducted by seniority. Students have the chance to leap ahead of others by participating in the "Head of the Class" program, an incentive that gives priority to students who attend various educational lectures. To take advantage of this opportunity, students need to obtain "Head of the Class" cards from their RDs. After attending lectures and other hall programs, students will have a better chance of getting the room of choice.

"If the student and his/her roommate have completed their cards, they are eligible to draw for a room prior to all others in their respective class level," Assistant Dean Molly Burnett said.

For men, room drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. on April 2. Students interested in triples will choose first. The remaining men will choose, in order of class, at 7:45 p.m.

All women interested in triples and quads will select their rooms at 7 p.m. on April 16. Upper-class women will choose rooms at 8 p.m. Freshmen women will choose their rooms on April 18.

All other policies and procedures can be found in a pamphlet from student affairs, "Housing Selection 2002-2003."

While many of the policies and procedures are the same as previous years, this is the first year no housing deposit is required. Instead, students must sign a "housing agreement" that outlines the housing policies.

"This new process will eliminate the need for students and parents to remember to pay their $50 deposit prior to room drawings," Burnett said.

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Regional Briefs

Doctor charged with killing wife to remain under house arrest

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) - An appeals court has refused to revoke bail for a doctor charged in the 1999 suffocation death of his wife.

Prosecutors say Dr. Karl Long, a Ligonier podiatrist, killed his wife, Elaine, in the couple's home, using a dry-cleaning bag on Oct. 3, 1999.

District Attorney John Peck has asked that Long be returned to jail since a Superior Court panel late last year overturned a lower-court decision that the bag and other evidence found at the couple's home could not be used in court.

But the Superior Court refused to consider an appeal of Westmoreland County Judge William Ober's ruling to allow Long to await trial under house arrest.

For the past 16 months, prosecutors have tried to have Long returned to jail. He spent 13 months behind bars following his wife's death. He has remained free on $200,000 bail.

Long has maintained his wife attacked him with a knife and he was defending himself when she died. Police say that when they arrived at the home, Elaine Long was dead and had a dry-cleaning bag over her head. They said Karl Long had a stab wound in his chest.

Budget criticized in Westmoreland County

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP) - About 450 people rallied in a Westmoreland County town Saturday to criticize the budget being proposed by Gov. Mark Schweiker because it shortchanges small districts like theirs, which faces a $500,000 deficit.

Officials in Jeannette, about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh, said they plan to join other school districts to protest the budget which gives Philadelphia schools a 75-percent increase in state subsidies, while giving smaller districts a 1-percent increase.

"We will get this piece of garbage thrown out. I am sick and tired of balancing Philadelphia's budget," said state Rep. James Casario Jr.

The proposed state budget increases the district's contribution to the retirement system at the same time Jeannette officials are wrestling with a loss in investment income and a hike in insurance premiums. Also, the district is looking at a $10,000 bill to pay for cyber charter school costs.

Officials have said the tighter budget could increase class sizes and prevent the district from replacing outdated computers.

Governor signs measures regarding Internet service providers

By Martha Raffelle
AP WRITER

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Gov. Mark Schweiker has signed measures that will allow Pennsylvanians to purchase hard-to-find wines online and require Internet service providers to eliminate access to Web sites containing child pornography.

Under the wine-sales law, residents over the age of 21 will be permitted to buy as much as nine liters of wine per month over the Internet from suppliers whose products are not sold in state Wine and Spirits Shoppes. Customers must have the wine delivered to a state store of their choice, and they are not allowed to resell it.

The new law will make it easier for consumers to buy wines that are not available locally, said Donna Pinkham, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Special orders currently must be placed by telephone through the agency's Wine and Spirits Hotline or in person at a state store.

"We're talking about small wineries that don't produce enough to go national.If you visited a small boutique winery in California, and you sampled a wine you really liked and wanted to buy it over the Internet, this would enable you to do that," Pinkham said.

Out-of-state vendors would have to obtain wine shipping licenses from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, and they would be subject to audits at the request of the board or state revenue officials.

Pinkham said the agency has not yet worked out all the details of administering the law, which takes effect in 60 days.

The provision is included in a broader bill that makes other changes to Pennsylvania's liquor code, such as allowing retirement communities and nursing homes to apply for licenses to serve liquor during dinner and special events. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Roy Reinard, R-Bucks.

On Thursday, Schweiker also signed a bill that allows the state to prosecute Internet service providers that fail to eliminate access to Web sites containing child pornography. The providers would have five business days to disable such sites after being notified by the state attorney general's office.

Failure to do so would result in fines of $5,000 fine for the first offense and $20,000 for the second offense. A third offense would constitute a felony, punishable by a $30,000 fine and up to seven years' imprisonment.

Allegheny County United Way set a record for donations

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The United Way of Allegheny County set a record for donations last year, and charity officials say online giving helped fuel the $39 million effort.

The charity started an online giving drive last year, hoping to sign up 50 companies in three years to conduct their donation campaigns online.

Thirty-eight companies signed up in the first year and more than 3,800 workers donated more than $1.6 million online, officials said.

Last year's total was a 4 percent increase over 2000, when the charity raised $37.5 million. Last year was the seventh consecutive year the charity set a new donation record, officials said.

Cop acquitted of shooting death

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A federal judge has officially closed the book on the case of a former Pittsburgh police officers acquitted in the shooting death of a motorist.

U.S. District Judge Donetta Ambrose last week dismissed former Officer Jeffrey Cooperstein's lawsuit against the city for failing to accommodate his multiple sclerosis. Cooperstein had agreed to drop his case after the city agreed to give him $211,000 in back pay and disability in a May 2000 settlement.

He was later awarded $21,000 a year for life for his disability pension.

The former officer was fired from the police department in February 1999 after he shot and killed motorist Deron Grimmitt, 32, after another officer had chased Grimmitt into downtown Pittsburgh on Dec. 21, 1998.

An Allegheny County jury acquitted Cooperstein of homicide and assault charges in the case. Cooperstein had sought an arbitration hearing to get his job back but ended up resigning after the city withdrew its termination.

In his lawsuit, Cooperstein maintained that his superiors wouldn't give him time off for rest and hospital care. He said his illness flared up with the stress of the murder trial.

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NATIONAL

Police called to Columbine for food fight nearing riot

By Robert Weller
AP WRITER

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) - Less than two months before the third anniversary of the Columbine school shootings, deputies rushed to the high school again—to quell a food fight that authorities say was a near riot.

After one student was arrested for throwing a pie Friday, 400 students screamed and yelled at deputies in protest, said Jim Shires, spokesman for the Jefferson County's Sheriffs office. Three additional students were arrested.

School administrators learned that a food fight was planned and tried to discourage it, said Marilyn Saltzman, spokeswoman for Jefferson County schools.

When students were seen entering the school carrying Jell-O, tapioca pudding, pies and yogurt, "we asked the kids to go outside and not have a food fight in the school. The principal and assistant principal went outside to talk with them and try to defuse the situation," said Saltzman.

Junior Keith Kinsella said the student was encouraged to start the food fight.

"It was more like a taunting," said Kinsella, 16. "They dared Scott (Streeb) to throw the pie and he did. I personally believe they mistreated Scott."

There were conflicting reports on who was hit by the pie; some students said a campus supervisor was hit and others said it was a coach.

Kinsella said school officials have been too zealous about avoiding any violence because of the April 20, 1999 assault that left 12 students, one teacher and two teen gunmen dead.

"They check the parking lot all the time. When they found a baseball bat in my car they threatened me with six months jail time and a $1,500 fine," Kinsella said Saturday.

"They are way over the top on security," said Austin Rabinoff, 15, a sophomore. "Unless there was something I didn't see, the whole thing was too much. It was a prank. It didn't need that many police officers."

The four students arrested Friday were released on bond ranging from $750 to $1,000 posted by their parents. Streeb, 18, was accused of throwing the pie that was to trigger the food fight. Streeb, Ryan Morrill, 18, and Justin Norman, 18, and a juvenile whose name was not released face possible misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, harassment and inciting to riot.

Phone numbers for the arrested students could not be obtained Saturday.

Saltzman said the timing of the incident—lunch hour—contributed to the large number of students involved. The high school has about 1,800 students.

"It was not a totally a harmless prank. It was potentially unsafe situation. The administration was definitely disappointed about how the kids acted," she said.

Drunken riot at Olympics leads to arrest of 20 people

By Rich Vosepka
AP WRITER

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - An unruly, drunken crowd gave police their toughest test of the 2002 Winter Games early Sunday when hundreds of revelers refused to leave a downtown block where beer was sold.

Police fired nonlethal bullets made of dense foam and arrested 20 people on the final day of the 2002 Winter Games. No injuries were reported, according to the Olympic Joint Information Center.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson sought to play down the significance of the confrontation outside Bud World, a carnival set up for the Olympics that included booths selling beer.

"It is not a riot by any stretch of the imagination," Anderson said. "This was a disturbance involving a few people who were looking for trouble."

He said police showed restraint.

"There were some bottles thrown at police officers and they responded accordingly," Anderson said. "It's just amazing that this is all that has happened with these crowds we've had every night."

Normally, Utah's strict Mormon heritage and restrictive alcohol sales laws make for quiet nights. But during the games, evenings have been considerably more active.

About $310 million was devoted to Olympic security, and nearly 15,000 security workers were at the games.

Police Chief Rick Dinse said 19 of those arrested were from the Salt Lake City area and one was Canadian. Detective Dwayne Baird said he expected them to be charged with misdemeanors such as failure to disperse and public intoxication.

The clash began when Bud World became too crowded and people spilled onto Main Street, just blocks from the medals plaza and main media center.

As many as 200 police officers, some in riot gear, herded the crowd down the street while some people in the crowd yelled taunts and insults. Some people tossed bottles and beer cans and a handful of men pushed over a row of portable toilets.

"The police were pushing people," said Rob Garcia, 18, of Salt Lake City. "The cops just jumped across and set up a barricade."

By 2 a.m., the crowd had been mostly dispersed, Baird said.

Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, dismissed the incident as an aberration.

"There were 200 to 300 people who had a few too many and needed to be sent home, and they were done so with dispatch," Romney said. "You're going to have some celebrations when alcohol is concerned late at night, and that's not something that was part of the Olympic experience."

National Briefs

Woman sues councilman for burning cross in her yard

RICHLAND, Ga. (AP) - A black woman who used to live in Stewart County is suing a former city councilman for burning a cross in her front yard.

LaWanda Holmes is seeking $6 million in damages against former Richland city councilman Pete Cobb Sr., his nephew Kenneth Royal and a friend of Cobb's, Grady Anderson Jr.

The suit filed this week in U.S. District Court claims the men conspired to run Holmes out of the home she leased in Richland, about 30 miles south of Columbus, because she is black.

According to the suit, Holmes was the only black person living in the neighborhood.

Cobb, Royal and Anderson pleaded guilty last year to criminal charges for setting the gasoline-soaked cross ablaze in February 2000. Cobb was sentenced to 18 months in prison and three years probation. Royal and Anderson were given probation and home confinement.

The three men have one month to answer the complaint.

Former nurse charged with sexual assault

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) - A former nurse at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria is charged with sexually assaulting a patient in her hospital bed.

Paul Gottwald, 42, of Peoria was charged Friday after confessing to sexually assaulting a 25-year-old female stroke victim three or four times on September 18, said Peoria County Assistant State's Attorney Steve Patelli.

The victim was able to communicate to her husband what happened, police said. The hospital contacted police after officials learned of the woman's allegations on Sept. 19.

The hospital conducted its own investigation and fired Gottwald within two days.He is charged with one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault, which carries a sentence of six to 60 years in prison. Gottwald also faces four counts of criminal sexual assault and could be sentenced from 15 to 30 years in prison if he is convicted.

Gottwald was released from the Peoria County Jail on Friday after posting a $35,000 bond, a spokeswoman said. He is scheduled to appear at a hearing March 21.

Man threatens to blow up airport

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) - A man was arrested after arguing with a National Guardsman and threatening to blow up the passenger terminal at Naples Municipal Airport.

Johnny Ray Gobin, 27, was charged Friday with threatening to discharge a destructive device, resisting an officer and breach of the peace. He was being held Saturday at Collier County Jail in Naples on $32,500 bond.

Gobin walked out of a restaurant in the terminal Friday and asked National Guardsman Tony Hartley whether his gun was loaded.

Gobin grew belligerent and said he hated loaded guns, according to a police report. He left the building and Hartley followed him, telling him not to come back to the airport.

Hartley said Gobin replied: "I hate (expletive) loaded guns and I will blow this building up." After more arguing, Hartley said he forced Gobin to lie on the pavement until police arrived.

Milk spillage will probably not result in fish kill

LE MARS, Iowa (AP) - Officials say 2,000 gallons of whole milk that spilled into the Floyd River has not caused a fish kill.

A truck, owned by United Transport of Rogers, Neb., overturned Thursday morning at the intersection of two city streets in Le Mars and spilled 4,000 gallons of milk. Half of the milk flowed downhill into a storm sewer which empties into the Floyd River. The other half entered a surface intake in the loading area at Wells Dairy, Inc. and will be treated as it goes through the sanitary sewer system.

"If this had happened during warmer weather the bacterial decomposition of the milk could have caused a significant decline in the dissolved oxygen in the stream resulting in a fish kill," said Neil Cook, an environmental specialist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

At the current water temperature, he said bacterial activity will be minimal.

The Floyd River suffered a major fish kill south of Sheldon in January after a broken pipe at a cooperative spilled ammonia fertilizer into the river.

Elementary school donates playground fund to Sept. 11 families

DILLWYN, Va. (AP) - An elementary school in rural Buckingham County has made its own small sacrifice to help the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Dillwyn Primary School has been looking for ways to build a new playground for half a decade, and in recent years started a "Pennies For the Playground" collection for the children to contribute to.

With $450 in the jar, it was a long way from raising the estimated $5,000 needed to purchase actual equipment.

But the fund raising changed focus when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"We decided that 'Pennies For the Playground' would change to 'Pennies for Patriotism,'" said Principal Sharon Wendt.

She said the children chose to send the money to the Red Cross.

"We will always have a chance to raise money for a playground. But those families would never see their loved ones again," 8-year-old Cierra Jones wrote in a short essay.

INTERNATIONAL

Pregnant woman delivers healthy baby after being shot

By Mohammed Daraghmeh
AP WRITER

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) - En route to the hospital with labor pains, Shadia Shehade was shot in the chest by Israeli soldiers Sunday.

Six hours later she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, doctors said.

The drama began at 5. a.m. (0300 GMT) in a neighborhood where the Israeli army has held a number of Palestinian apartment buildings since last week.

With 27-year-old Shehade in labor pains, they set out from their home in the village of Huwara to Rafidia Hospital, 12 kilometers (seven miles) away in the city of Nablus, said husband Issam Shehade, 31.

"I knew there were soldiers in Nablus," recalled the proud—if rattled—new father. "So I drove carefully and slowly."

He said he passed one checkpoint, where soldiers asked him to take off his jacket to show that he was not carrying explosives. Suicide bombers often strap explosives to their bodies. Soldiers searched the car and then allowed them to continue, he said.

But one kilometer down the road, where the Israelis had a temporary position but no roadblock, the shooting occurred, he said.

An army statement said troops billeted near the Balata refugee camp, a well-known stronghold of Palestinian militants, were on alert after receiving a warning that Palestinians intended to set off a car bomb alongside one of their positions there.

The military said that in the darkness soldiers feared they were under attack when the Shehades' car broke through an earth barricade blocking the road to a building where troops were stationed. The vehicle was shot at when the driver ignored an order to stop, the army said.

Shehade says he heard no order to stop.

"I saw a few tanks parked in the street, and I passed slowly beside them. After I passed, I heard shooting, then I heard my wife beside me shouting 'I am injured!'" he said. "I shouted at the soldiers, telling them my wife is pregnant and must be in the hospital."

Shehade said the soldiers administered first aid to his wife and took them back to the checkpoint, where they were transferred to an Israeli ambulance, before a Palestinian ambulance arrived to take them to Rafidia Hospital, about three kilometers (two miles) away.

"She was so scared—she was shouting 'where are they taking me?'" he said.

Six hours later Shadia Shehade gave birth to a healthy baby girl, doctors said.

Before the shooting, the parents had planned to name their daughter "Ahlam," which means dream, Issam Shehade said. Now they've decided to call her "Hiba"—a gift from God.

Doctors said the bullet penetrated the pregnant woman's chest and exited her back, just missing vital organs. They said she was in moderate condition and not in danger, and the baby was unharmed.

Palestinians have complained of numerous cases in which Israeli soldiers held up cars, taxis and ambulances with sick people or pregnant women at West Bank roadblocks. The Israeli military insists that soldiers expedite humanitarian cases through the barriers and that ambulances could be used to smuggle militants.

Israeli forces have been especially nervous in the West Bank since six soldiers were shot and killed last week at a roadblock near Ramallah.

U.S. looking for the body of slain fugitive

By Mark Stevenson
AP WRITER

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Since the 1990s, elusive and violent drug lord Ramon Arellano Felix has existed largely as a blurry photograph on the top of the FBI's ten most wanted list.

Now—after his reported slaying Feb. 10—he is proving as elusive in death as he was in life, officials said Sunday.

Arellano Felix blazed a violent trail of crime and murder during his infamous career, eluding both Mexican and U.S. authorities for a decade. Now, authorities are struggling for a way to verify a body that is believed to be his—but which they cannot find.

The body was picked up from a funeral home in the northern state of Sinaloa by a man claiming to be the cousin of victim "Jorge Perez Lopez"—a sort of "John Smith" alias believed to have been used by Arellano Felix—and may have been cremated immediately.

Attorney General Rafael Macedo said "we know the body was cremated at the request of people who identified themselves as relatives. We are investigating whether they were in fact relatives," Attorney General Rafael Macedo said Sunday.

It was skullduggery right up to the end: The man who picked up the body used false identification to do so, and legal experts said it was suspicious that the body was released before a full autopsy was performed.

The cremation breaks with a tradition among northern drug clans of holding large, elaborate funerals for fallen drug lords—ceremonies often closely watched by police.

Even if he is dead, details of Arellano Felix's trail of blood continue to come to light in the wake of the Feb. 10 shootout with police in the Sinaloa resort city of Mazatlan.

Macedo said a gun found in Lopez's—or Arellano Felix's—car has been identified as the weapon used in the Nov. 11 slaying of two federal judges and one of their wives in Mazatlan.

Judges Benito Andrade and Jesus Ayala were on their way to a baseball game with their wives when they were ambushed. The discovery of the gun appears to confirm earlier reports that their killings were related to the drug trade.

The two judges had presided over drug cases in another northern state, Tamaulipas, and had reportedly ruled against an appeal by a drug trafficker.

Meanwhile, federal investigators sent a mobile crime lab to Mazatlan, purportedly to do DNA testing, but is unclear what they would test—perhaps blood spatters from the scene of the shooting–or what they would compare the results to.

In the last decade, police have been unable to find more than a pair of grainy photos of Arellano Felix. With police unsure what he even looks like, it's even less likely they have a DNA profile on him or his brothers to provide a match with the missing corpse.

Macedo said authorities are using various methods—blood tests, fingerprints and comparisons of facial images—to try to establish an identity.

Authorities on both sides of the border believe Arellano Felix—who together with his brothers ran a Tijuana-based cocaine and marijuana cartel—died in the dramatic shootout, which ended when he fatally shot a policeman, who managed to squeeze off one last lethal return shot.

That belief is based in part on another blurry photograph—the one on a fake police credential that Arellano Felix allegedly carried, made out in Perez Lopez's name.

If it is a match, then it appears the drug lord had tried to alter his appearance, but hadn't had plastic surgery, as other traffickers have.

The I.D. photo, taken in the 1990s, shows a man with a shaved head and normal build; the last photographs of Arellano Felix showed him with a heavy build and a shaggy hairstyle.

No one is absolutely sure. But as Sinaloa Gov. Juan Milan noted: "This wasn't any common gunslinger."

Three beached whales disappear during rescue effort; believed to have been stolen for food

TOKYO (AP) - Eighty-five whales were found beached on a coast near Tokyo on Monday, one day after 10 whales believed to be from the same pod washed up on the same shore.

Officials rescued 32 of the whales on the beach, 55 miles east of Tokyo, but the rest died. Town official Yasunari Jitsukawa said the melon-headed whales discovered over the past two days were 6 feet to 10 feet long.

Television news footage showed the dead whales lined up in a row along the beach. They were to be buried in the sand after marine researchers examined them, said local official Kazuhiro Kosai.

On Sunday, local officials saved seven of 10 beached whales. The three that died disappeared during rescue efforts, and town officials said they believe locals took them to eat.

Whale meat is considered a delicacy by many in Japan. Commercial whaling is banned under an international convention, but many restaurants here get stocks of whale meat from Japan's controversial scientific whaling program.

Although the government urges communities not to eat whales that wash up dead on their shores because they might carry diseases, it is not illegal to do so. When about 50 similar whales swam ashore in the same area last year, locals shared some of the 20 dead ones.

On Sunday, Nobuhiro Inaba, a marine biologist at a local aquarium, said the whales may have come too close to the beach while chasing prey or may have lost their sense of direction due to parasite infections.

World's biggest kabsa cooked in Bahrain on Sunday

By Sam F. Ghattas
AP WRITER

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - Bahrain, the smallest Arab country, on Sunday cooked the world's biggest kabsa—with more than 5.5 tons of rice, meat and other ingredients—for the traditional Gulf Arab meal.

At a cost of dlrs 665,000, 140 people joined in a kabsa—rice and meat cooked with herbs, spices and tomatoes.

Philippe Scali, a representative of the Guinness Book of Records, said Sunday's was the biggest kabsa dish. He said the record also may serve as the biggest cooked meal, adding that there had been previous cooking records for making Italian pasta and Moroccan Kouskous but none on kabsa.

Twenty cooks, aided by 120 helpers, poured 5,500 liters (1,453 gallons) of water trucked in for the occasion onto a specially built aluminum pot, then hauled 2.4 tons of basmati rice, 1.2 tons of meat and 1.94 tons of ingredients and spices.

The meal was left to cook for nearly five hours in the park of the National Museum in Manama.

"It is exciting," said chef Udo Gross of Bahrain's Gulf Hotel, his white shirt blackened from the soot of the burning wood. "It is something that you would never dream of doing in a lifetime," the 46-year-old from Westerwald, Germany, said.

Information Minister Nabil al-Hamer, who lit the fire under the huge pot, told reporters the event "shows first and foremost Arab generosity and Arab spirit of doing good and helping people in the society."

The food will be distributed to guests and to those in need. Several thousand men, women and children gathered in a festive mood for a taste.

The tiny Gulf island of Bahrain is the smallest Arab country and a regional financial center. On Feb. 14, the ruling emir declared the country a constitutional monarchy and himself king as a step toward legislative elections.

HEALTH

The risks of tanning could outweigh the benefits

By Elizabeth Grepp
STAFF WRITER

In England during the renaissance, pale skin was considered beautiful. Our image of beauty has changed drastically since then.

Now we want to look tan and not ghostly white, so people use tanning beds. Many people are unaware of the severe risks related to indoor tanning.

The Virtual Hospital says that the most popular form of tanning is the tanning bed. The person lays down on plexiglass, closes a hinged lid and is in a coffin-like tube. Either shortwave ultraviolet rays (UVB) or long-wave ultraviolet rays (UVA) are emitted.

Typically the kind of waves that are used are UVA because they do not cause burning as UVB rays do and the effects last longer because the rays penetrate more deeply.

Tanning poses many health problems. These problems range from the mild such as redness, itching, dry skin and wrinkles to the severe such as vision problems, immune system disorders, and even melanoma or skin cancer.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, despite these risks "During the next 12 months, 30 million Americans will visit more than 49,000 salons featuring sunlamps, tanning booths, and tanning beds that give off ultraviolet rays two or three times stronger than natural sunlight."

Sophomore Tawnya Brown has never been tanning and is well aware of the risks. "I am scared to do it because I know of people that have had problems. One of the girls that went to my high school received internal burns as a direct result of tanning," Brown said.

Junior Amanda Zelechoski used to go tanning. "It's relaxing, after a long day it's like a stress release," Zelechoski said. She made the decision to stop tanning. "I recently read an article about the harmful effects of tanning. There were pictures of models that had been tanning too much. It was gross," she said.

Senior Kelly Coldren tans regularly. "If you go tanning before you go on vacation, you don't get burned when you go. I am going now because I am going to Daytona Beach, Florida for spring break," she said.

Coldren is aware of the risks related to tanning but feels that there are risks related to every decision. "It's relaxing and it makes you feel better about yourself. Besides, I don't plan on continuing this all my life," she said.

Judith Duda, director of the health center, has many pamphlets on tanning. "Tanning feels good and it looks good, so people don't think about the long term consequences," Duda said.

Duda has arranged for Linda Snyder, who is with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, to be on campus on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the bookstore. Snyder will be giving out information about sun safety and sunscreen.

Duda said that she hopes Snyder's visit will make students more aware of the risks of tanning. "I don't think it's a healthy thing to do because it causes problems later on in life," Duda said.

For those who want a tan without the risk, self-tanners are a relatively new and safe alternative. Sunless tanners or self-tanners use dihydroxyacetone (DHA) to darken the skin.

Although sunless tanners are not as effective as the sun or a tanning booth, they offer a safer alternative for those that want to look tan without the risk.

http://www.aad.org/DermInsights/Fall2000/tanning.html
http://www.vh.org/Patients/IHB/Derm/IndoorTanning.html

Healthy diet and exercise may be key to good grades

By Erin Quinlan
STAFF WRITER

The Olympic games represent the summit of athletic achievement. Athletes train daily to stay physically and mentally sharp. It is not necessary, however, to scale Olympian heights to be healthy.

Experts from the naturalizing service recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate, daily exercise to maintain good health. Taking the stairs instead of the elevator, riding a bike to class instead of driving, or doing crunches while watching TV can improve health.

Physical activity is not the only contributor to good health. A balanced diet containing sugars, fats, carbohydrates and proteins creates energy.

Juniors Tammy Newell and Samor Himes said that the cafeteria does not have an adequate selection of healthy foods. "Everything is coated with butter and grease. It is hard to eat healthy," Newell said.

Although the cafeteria is not popular with some students, they can make healthy choices. Salads, vegetables, fruits and pastas are nutritious options available in the cafeteria, and cafeteria workers take requests.

Lack of proper diet and exercise can lead to stress, fatigue, emotional disruptions, illness and sleeplessness. These symptoms can burden academic performance.

According to the Heart Association, exercise and a healthy diet decrease blood pressure, improve concentration levels and prolong life. Exercise increases the oxygen to the brain, which improves academic performance.

Tom Keller, the women's soccer coach for 20 years, believes that physically fit people have determination, which carries over into other aspects of their lives. "Our team's GPA has always been higher during season when compared to off season," Keller said.

Physical activity boosts confidence, energy and mental alertness. "When I am in better physical shape I feel more energized and willing to study. My grades are always higher during soccer season, because I set a strict schedule for myself in order to get everything done," sophomore Megan Chovan said.

Participation and attendance are higher when students are healthy. Health center nurse Judy Duda said that healthy students are more attentive during class. "Healthy students can participate and attend class rather than being ill in their room," Duda said.

The gym and the track are conveniently accessible to students. The gym is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Hummus: an insider's guide to chick pea paste

By Bridgette Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

An under-rated food of Middle Eastern descent finally gets its chance to receive the appreciation it deserves.

Hummus has been around for several thousands of years (somewhere just under 7,000).

Hummus is made of ground chick-peas, garlic, lemon juice and tahini (ground sesame seed butter). Sometimes other spices are added according to individual taste. It is prepared as a snack or side dish, and is sometimes used in sandwiches.

There are many different recipes for hummus, especially in each culture where it has been traced. Each country in the Middle East and other surrounding countries have their own adaptation to the preparation and seasoning of hummus.

Of the Westminster students questioned, most of them like hummus and enjoy eating it, especially at family events. A few do not eat hummus or are not fond of it, and some do not know what it is. Junior Patty Ranalli said, "I used to eat hummus all the time when I would go to my parent's bowling league. The hummus was really good there."

Ranalli, now one of Scooter's High Rollers (an award given to a select bowlers each semester of the bowling P.E. course), likes hummus because "It's a food that comes from the earth and fulfills the body's needs."

In fact, our very own Sodexho Marriott frequently features this dip. It is occasionally found on the deli bar. Hummus can also be found restaurants in New Castle and Boardman, or bought at Giant Eagle.

Just make sure if you have a craving for it, you tell your waitress that you would like some hummus, instead of accidentally ordering humus. Humus, as was taught in high school biology class, is soil formed by the decaying of plant and animal material. In that case, you might as well walk outside and take a large handful of soil from the ground.

Photo by Kristin Park
Hummus (left, front) can be found in the dining hall's deli bar.

SPORTS

Titans take 2nd, 3rd at PAC championship

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams competed at the PAC championship at Grove City last weekend. After the three-day event, the men finished second, falling only to Johns Hopkins, while the women brought home third, falling to Johns Hopkins and W&J.

The first day of competition set the pace for the eventual finish in the team scoring. Leading the Titan men through day one was sophomore Matt Buzard, who won the 50 freestyle and contributed to a winning 200 freestyle relay along with seniors Chris Giles and Aaron Francis and junior standout, Jim Mann.

For the women, sophomore Brittany Jardine won the 50 freestyle with a time of :24.68.

While day two saw a deadlock among team scoring, two Titans qualified for the Division II National Meet next month. Mann qualified during the prelims of the 100 backstroke in :52.03, an event he eventually won in :51.89. Junior Stephanie King made the cut en route to winning the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:07.

Adding further excitement to the day was junior Seth Bontrager, who set a pool and meet record winning the 400 IM in 4:07.74.

Holcad File Photo
The swimming season ends this weekend at the ECAC Championships.

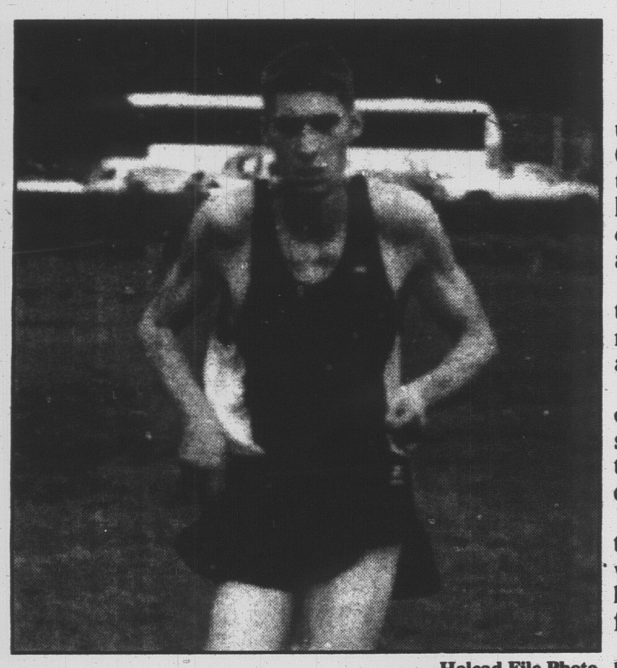
On the women's side, senior Jaime Sell won the 1000 freestyle in 10:56.35.

Day three brought an end to the meet and individual top ten honors to seven Titans. For the men, Mann, junior Richard King, Buzard and Bontrager finished third, fourth, fourth (tie) and sixth respectively, while Jardine, Sell and King finished third, fourth and fifth in individual scoring.

King scored the only win of the day with a 2:26.39 in the 200 breaststroke.

The Titans will wrap up team tournament competition this weekend at the ECAC Championships, hosted by Pitt.

Gleason breaks two indoor track records



Holcad File Photo
Jake Gleason

By Brian Wilson
SPORTS WRITER

Two indoor track records burned under the shoes of senior Jacob Gleason at the Kent State Invitational this past weekend. Gleason annihilated his own 5000-meter (3.1-mile) record of 16:19, set during the previous week at Slippery Rock, running 15:51.

Later in the day, Gleason also put the boot to his previous 3000-meter record of 9:21 by 18 seconds, running a 9:03.

"This was the most significant meet of my college career, I'm feeling stronger than ever and expecting big things, both for the team and myself, to come this season," Gleason said.

The next move for the team will be the outdoor season, the first during which Westminster will host two home meets, April 3 and 6 at the new facilities.

"The new track has already made a huge difference in the way we are able to train, it's great to finally have a place of our own," senior sprinter James Shevchuk said.

Gleason leads a pack of experienced distance returnees including fellow senior Scott Fabry, juniors Dan Beckwith, Brian Mackrell and Tom Pizon, and sophomores Sean Gallagher and Tim Snyder.

"We've all been working hard in the off-season and that training is starting to show," Fabry said. "We're looking forward to a very successful season and competing against the PAC teams and proving we are the 'real' number one team."

In the sprints, Shevchuk and sophomores Matt Steves, Joe Stern, Steve Scott and Trevor Fraiser return to the program.

The notorious Brown brothers, seniors Ron and Don, return to handle the Titans' needs in jumping and pole-vaulting, respectively.

The Titans begin the outdoor season at Clarion University on March 23.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
SPORTS EDITOR

Today is the first of March, and with the new month begins March Madness. This season has shown us the rise and fall of many teams, some expected and some not. Who would have thought that the once No. 5 Virginia would now be fighting for a chance to enter the tournament? Duke, Maryland, Kansas and Cincinnati should be the No. 1 seeds and a few (Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and Florida) will be close seconds.

As always, many teams are in the bubble, trying to win their last few games to fight their way into the NCAA tournament. After last Monday, Missouri took a step closer with a win over No. 14 Oklahoma, but both Boston College and Wyoming suffered losses that may eliminate them. The following are projections from some of the major conferences on who is in and who is hanging on to the hope that there may be a spot.

In the ACC, Duke, Maryland, Florida and Wake Forest are in, while Virginia still has a chance. The Cavs have lost seven of their last nine, with their wins coming to North Carolina and Clemson. Coach Pete Gillen recently told the fans at Virginia to stop supporting the team because, "They don't care, so why should you?" Not a good sign.

The Big 12 will have many teams represented, with Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in, while Missouri stays in the bubble. Missouri almost upset Kansas on Sunday, but lost by one in the final seconds. The Tigers have wins over Oklahoma State, Alabama, Xavier and Virginia, but lost to DePaul, Iowa State and Baylor.

The Big Ten has Michigan State making a late run into the tournament now that everyone is healthy. Indiana, Ohio State and Illinois are in, while Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Spartans are in the bubble. Minnesota lost three in a row after four straight wins so they must win the rest of their games.

Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Miami, Notre Dame and Syracuse should be in the tournament representing the Big East, while Boston College, St. John's and Rutgers are bubble teams. Boston College may have lost its chances after losing to Connecticut. Rutgers lost to Pittsburgh, but knocked off Notre Dame and Miami to finish up 18-9. Conference USA has a probable No. 1 seed with Cincinnati and Marquette should be a three or four.

Memphis, Charlotte and South Florida are still in the bubble. Memphis finished a three-game losing streak with a win over South Florida and then beat DePaul but still has to raise its RPI.

The Pac-10 has six teams that are probably in: Arizona, Oregon, California, USC, Stanford and UCLA. No matter what the outcome is during the Pac-10 tournament, all of these teams should have enough to make it. Stanford is on a losing streak, but hopes to break free when the games count. Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi and Mississippi State should be ins for the SEC, with South Carolina sitting in the bubble.

Even after talk that eight teams from the SEC could qualify (Tennessee, Arkansas and Vanderbilt have since lost many games), it may be difficult to even support six, let alone seven. The Atlantic 10 has Xavier in and St. Bonaventure on the bubble. Utah will represent the Mountain West Conference, while BYU and Wyoming will try to make a late run for the tourney.

U.S. wins 34 medals in the Winter Olympic Games

By McKenzie Crowell
STAFF WRITER

Every four years, men and women across the globe come together to compete in the winter Olympics. Each time, standards are set, goals are achieved and records are broken. The 2002 winter games in Salt Lake City are no exception and have gradually set a new standard, a standard of "firsts."

The winter Olympics became the largest international gathering since the Sept. 11 attacks. A noticeable increase in security at the games and the fact that Afghani athletes did not compete made the games different.

But even heightened security could not tranquilize outraged spectators at the pairs figure skating event. Russian competitors were forced to share the gold medal with Canadian duo, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, in light of a scandal that will not soon be forgotten. Because of the magnitude of this controversy, the International Skating Union announced the decision to revamp the judging system, an action the ISU has never taken.

History was made again Tuesday, when Vonetta Flowers became the first African-American athlete to win gold at the Winter Games. She and her partner, Jill Bakken, dominated the women's bobsled, giving the United States its first medal in the event in 46 years.

On Wednesday, Jim Shea became the world's first third generation Olympian by competing in the skeleton, an 80 mph race, head first, down a bobsled chute.

The skeleton event, last seen in 1948, was re-introduced this year for the men, and made its debut appearance in the women's category.

"My favorite Olympic moment was after Jim Shea won the gold and pulled a picture of his grandfather from his helmet" sophomore Rachel Lawrence said.

U.S. athletes shattered the long-standing medal record of 13 by combining to win 34 medals throughout the two-week span of events. American athletes broke another winter record by winning 10 gold medals. The previous mark was six.

"Because of the events that happened in the past year, these Olympics are even more special because we are proving what a strong country we really are" junior Teale Ganster said.

All in all, the Salt Lake City Olympics were a success. The games turned the world's focus from terror to triumph and gave hope to many who had lost faith in humanity.

http://channels.netscape.com/ns/event/sports/olympics2002/

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Lady Titans victorious over Case Western, 66-53

By Jason Cooper
STAFF WRITER

When the Lady Titans entered the gym last Wednesday, they entered as the underdogs. After 40 minutes of play, they emerged as the winners, beating Case Western University, the 16th best team in the NCAA, 66-53. This win set their record at 14-11.

"It was a great way to end the season," coach Jan Reddinger said. "Beating a nationally ranked Division three team, and one that made the NCAA tournament, makes it exciting to go into next year. It was also a great way for our only senior Robin Thayer to finish her successful career here at Westminster."

The Lady Titans had four players who scored in double figures, as well as three that had rebound totals in double figures. "The women played together as a team," Reddinger said. "The stats show that. It was definitely a team win."

The Lady Titans scored first only 19 seconds into the game. Case Western was close behind. The two teams exchanged the lead numerous times throughout the first half, but Case Western went into half time holding a miniscule lead of 30-29.

When the Titans came out of the locker room after half time, they came out strong. The Lady Titans gained the lead with 16:01 left in the second half from a lay-up by Erica Tallo. They never relinquished the lead after that.

Reddinger said she is very proud of how the team played in this game.

This Week in Sports

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Two University of Utah students earn silver medals

By Sheena McFarland
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — Many University of Utah students volunteered for the Games or attended an event, but only four actually competed as Olympians. Two of those four went on to get silver medals, giving the university as many medals as Australia, Poland, Japan, Spain and the Czech Republic each had.

Some U students pride themselves on earning scholarships or making the dean's list. Only one can claim bringing home the first U.S. medal of the 2002 Olympics.

SHANNON BAHRKE

Shannon Bahrke, a freshman studying pharmacy at the university, took home a silver medal in women's freestyle moguls.

"This has been the most amazing experience of my life. These will definitely be the most amazing memories of my life," she said. "I didn't even realize it was the first American medal until people told me; it is a huge honor because the team had so much success, with 34 medals."

Although Bahrke is a medal-winning Olympian, she is still a student. She would like to finish school, but she realizes she won't do it on a typical four-year schedule.

"I've gone to the U for three semesters over three years," she said.

"Skiing has been my main focus, and with my training time, I just haven't been able to attend."

The last time Bahrke took classes at the U was fall semester 2000.

"Being at the U is so busy, I'm usually doing other things at the same time," she said. "I have a job and I train for three hours a day."

However, the college experience is something Bahrke wants.

"I haven't gotten the full experience of going to college, but I'm trying to chip away at what I can do," she said. "I moved here because it's close to a good school and great training facilities, which allowed me to do everything I wanted."

Bahrke's training paid off, and having a home-court advantage helped too.

"For some people, [being at home] can be a detriment, while others can really use the energy," she said. "I definitely used the energy."

Bahrke loves having fans cheer her on, especially Americans.

"There are no other fans like American fans," she said. "I'll never forget standing at the top of the run and seeing 15,000 people cheering. It was amazing. I definitely benefited from the crowd."

Bahrke plans to return to the U next fall, but for now she will finish out the season with the U.S. Ski Team.

"Right now I'm going to the Grammys, and then I'm flying from there to Japan, then Finland, then Nationals and then to the beach, where it's warm," she said.

JOE PACK

The decision to go to college or enter the work force after high school can be difficult; the decision between college and the Olympics can be even harder.

Joe Pack, silver medalist in men's freestyle aerials and a U freshman, said he made the right decision.

"My experience at the U was great, but training is a full-time job," Pack said. "It was a tough decision, but I talked to my parents, and they supported me, but now I want to go back."

Pack felt he couldn't dedicate himself fully to both training and school.

"I believe in doing things to the fullest, and I couldn't do both at the same time," he said. "I had to quit, but I want to get back very soon."

Pack said he plans to pursue a business degree.

"It's just something to go after," he said. "I will probably own a company someday."

Although Pack has a strong desire to return to the U, he said he needs to look at his future first.

"[Training has] been a full-time job up to this point, but now I just need to sit back and re-evaluate what I'm doing," he said. "I would love to go back tomorrow — as soon as I can."

Pack likes the U because of its location.

"The U is close. It's only a half-hour away from my house," the Park City, Utah, resident said.

Pack recalled his semester at the U. He came because he injured his knee and couldn't train. He remembered hobbling around on crutches at the beginning of spring semester and standing in the same place as he marched into Rice-Eccles Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.

"I just remember as a student looking around and saying, 'Wow,' and then as an Olympian looking around and saying the same thing," he said.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Where did the cranberry muffins go?"

"I take it the Galbreath stove is just for decoration."

"The bathroom outside the cafeteria is comparable to a fate worse than death - the smell, the humidity and worst of all ... the lack of disposable paper towels."

"The chicken tenders with BBQ sauce are Tenderlicious."

"Why does security randomly lock doors on campus?"

"Break a leg Theatre Westminster."

"I love Titan radio."

"Can we get hot water in Eich?"

"Why am I wearing shorts one day, then digging out my long underwear the next?"

"Why is it always so frigid in the Patterson computer lab?"

"Why is the best radio show on Sunday at midnight? Give them a decent time."

"Am I the only one who realized that someone moved the creepy portraits in the cafeteria?"

"Can we do something about the worm population on the sidewalks?"

"Why are there no meat products in the vending machines?"

"I kissed the strongest boy on campus."

"The South Park movie is the absolute best movie ever."

"Why are there so many crazy girls on this campus?"

"Why is the ham in the cafeteria purple-ish gray?"

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Spring Break

This week for the Our View, we thought we'd jump away from the serious issues and talk about something everyone can relate to and is thinking about - Spring Break.

Why does Spring Break exist? It's there to give us a much needed rest from classes. It gives us something to look forward to for the first seven weeks of school. The thought of summer will get us through the rest of the semester.

So, what are people doing for Spring Break? Well, the majority of students are probably just going home to sleep in and get home cooking. Some are going on a planned Spring Break with Titan Traverse or the Chapel staff. Others are going with friends or other social organizations to places tropical and sunny.

For those of you not lucky enough to be able to afford a tropical vacation, we've come up with 10 places you could be that will make sitting at home sound like paradise.

1. The city dump. Part of your Spring Break could be collecting rats for that science project that was due two weeks ago. While you're at it, you might as well pick up some furniture for your non-existent apartment.

2. Afghanistan. Those caves are supposed to be wonderful vacation spots. Who knows, you could make friends and become the life of the party (that is if there were a party and not a full-scale war).

3. Your ex-fiance's wedding. Who really wants to be there? Even if it is an all-expense paid trip to the Bahamas, he/she left you for someone else; there's no way you're going.

4. The sewage plant. Who said Disney World was the happiest place on earth? Maybe you'll learn something you can use in your future career.

For those of you not lucky enough to be able to afford a tropical vacation, we've come up with 10 places you could be that will make sitting at home sound like paradise.

5. The Yukon. It may snow here, but at least you don't have to worry about straying away from your tour group and having to eat your best friend or freezing to death.

6. An abandoned carport. We don't know why, it just doesn't sound like fun.

7. Working in a sweat shop. Sure, you might learn how to sew well, but would you really want Kathy Lee breathing down your neck all day?

8. Hell.

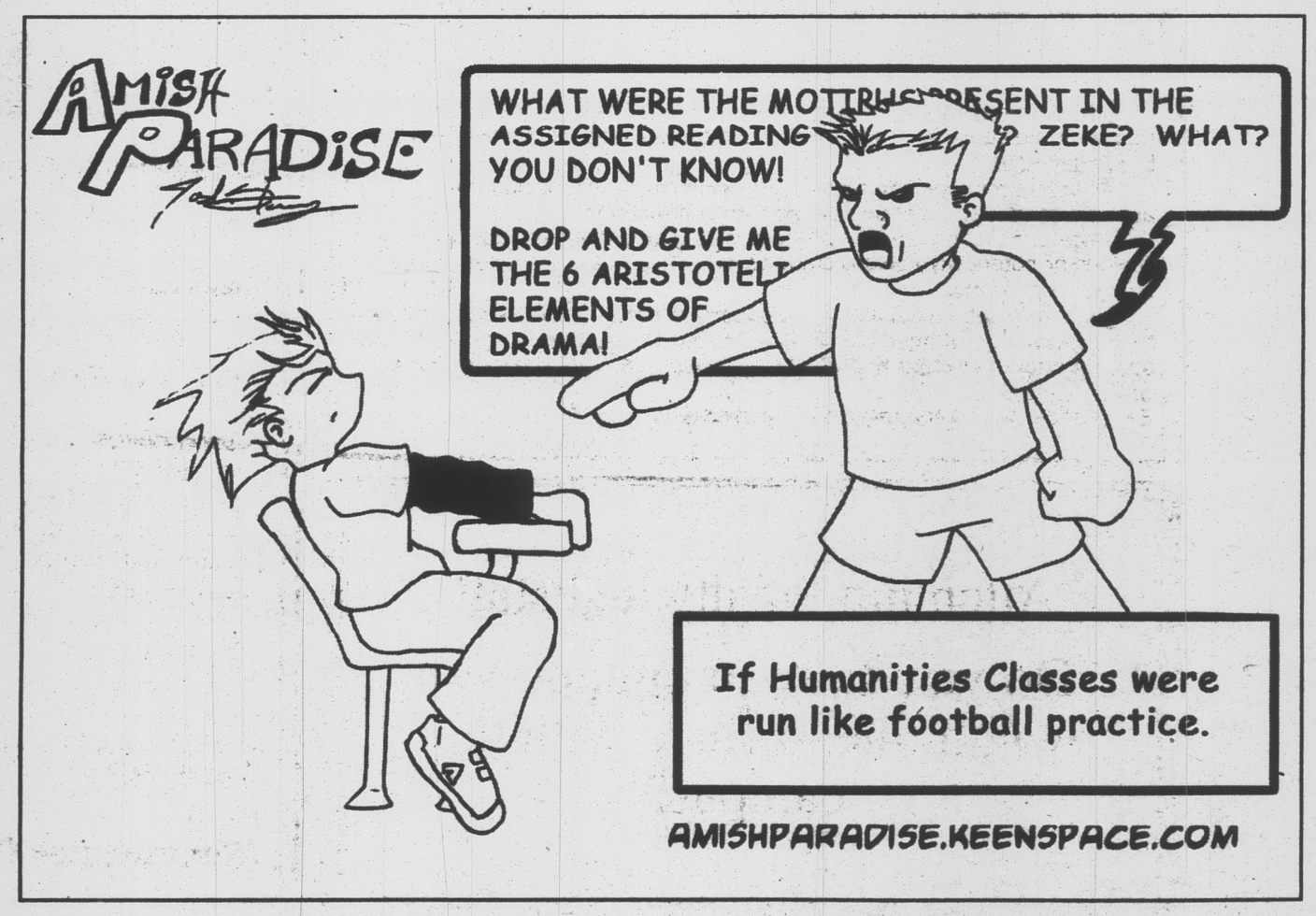
9. Interning at a podiatrists office. Two words: warts and fungus.

10. Westminster. They give us a break for a reason. There will probably be no hot water, no place to get food and the snow will most likely not melt. On the bright side though, there will actually be ample parking; just don't park in the wrong lot.

Now, why wouldn't you want to spend the break looking for a job (ah, graduation), reading a book, watching the tube, curling up in a blanket in front of a fire in the subzero temperatures.

There are plenty of creative things to be doing. You could make cut-out cookies that look like your friends and give them as presents. You could help your parents cook dinner and prepare for the real world.

Whatever you do, it will be better than the 10 things/places we mentioned. Count your blessings and enjoy the wonderful holiday we fondly call Spring Break.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was really disappointed last Friday when the Gospitality program to be held that evening was not featured in Holcad. This Friday I was appalled to find no mention of it in today's edition, either on the front page or on the Black History Month page.

Westminster College was fortunate to have Judy Shepard, Gospitality and Arun Gandhi as the three diversity events, but Holcad completely ignored Gospitality. As one of the hundreds who attended Gospitality last Friday night I had looked forward to an article and photos of this outstanding event; for those who were not able to attend, a Holcad article would have informed them of what a fabulous time everyone had.

If the College is to succeed in its commitment to bringing diversity to Westminster, it will need Holcad to commit to publicizing and reporting on all of these outstanding events, not just some of them.

I am sure the Black Student Union who worked so hard on this event would also appreciate knowing they have the support of Holcad and their fellow Westminster students.

Sincerely,

Judie Compher

* EDITOR'S NOTE*

Unfortunately, because of the size of our staff, we are not able to cover all events on campus, nor are we aware of all events.

We urge organizations wishing to have an event covered to either call us at EXT. 7224 and leave a message or send us the story idea via email at holcad@westiminster.edu.

If we are unable to assign a staff writer to the story, we encourage you to send a press release which will be run if space allows. We reserve the right to edit all press releases for content and grammar.

Dear Editor;

While reading the February 22, 2002 edition of the Holcad's Rant and Rave, the cracked ceiling comment concerned me. Rant and Rave is an anonymous section of the paper, therefore the location of the crack is unknown. Additionally, if it is in a resident's room, there is little likelihood that the Physical Plant staff will have the opportunity to observe this particular crack or other structural issues until this summer. This could be a serious matter and should be looked at by someone from Physical Plant. I am requesting that members of the campus community that observe these types of problems contact the Physical Plant Office (extension 6335 or 7017) or if they are in a Resident Hall, contact the Resident Director so a work order can be submitted. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Owen Wagner
Physical Plant Director

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Send us a letter.

We will not be publishing a paper next week.

The next paper will be published March 22.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

An interview with student director Brad Dell

By Beth Staley
A&E EDITOR

I hope that everyone sees *You Can't Take it With You* this weekend. What many of you may not realize when you see this play is that you are seeing Brad Dell, student director of the show. "I see more of myself on stage in a show I've directed than a show I'm in," Dell said.

What's great about Dell? Among many fine talents, virtues and accomplishments, he is the first student to direct one of the theater department's major productions. The department usually features three shows, one of which is directed by a guest director. This year, Dell takes over the role of guest director to bring us *You Can't Take it With You.*

Obviously, it is an honor for a student to direct the show. One earns such an impressive opportunity through hard work. Dell's theater experience began eight years ago at Penn Field High School, where he worked as an actor, stage manager and director. In his senior year alone, he participated in 13 shows.

Brad has spent six years at Applehill Playhouse in Delmont. Starting as an apprentice, Brad was promoted to assistant producer last year. With Applehill, Brad has worked on six shows and children's theater. This summer he will direct *Picnic*, a play by William Inge.

As an administrative intern, Brad gained even more experience with the Pittsburgh City Theater. He was the assistant director for *Mondo Mangia*. Brad also represented our region in Washington, D.C. at the American College Theater Festival. He was offered the chance to direct at the Kennedy Center.

"I love theater because of the collaborative process of it," Dell said. "Doing theater is not about opening night, but about process."

From before the first read-through to the final product on opening night, Dell describes the experience as a spiritual journey for himself and the others working on a show with him. "We work toward a goal together while learning about ourselves."

Dell describes *You Can't Take it With You* as "a breath of fresh air" for the college. "It's a nice change from the heavy drama that has been on the stage for the past couple of years," Dell said.

In my opinion, the show is absolutely hilarious, and Dell personally commends the efforts of the cast, designer and technical staff.

Throughout my interview with Dell, I had the pleasure of watching him in action with the cast and other people lending a hand for the good of the show. At least four times during our discussion, people stopped by with costume, character, technical and other questions. Dell was patient, sincere and thoughtful with each person. I didn't mind the interruptions at all because I knew that he had his priorities and thoughts on something much higher than our little interview—something that we will all have the pleasure of enjoying when we see *You Can't Take it With You*—something that I can only describe as pure theatrical magic.

Contributed Photo

Brad Dell, center, stands behind his cast.

If the Holcad ran "Happy Ads," I'd print one for Dell because I think he deserves one. In addition to his immense theatrical endeavors, he worked extensively with Allies to bring Judy Shepard to speak on campus. I believe that we'll all be hearing about his grand accomplishments in the future, and I wish him luck.

Music Department to host Pa. Intercollegiate Band

The music department will host the three-day Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band.

The Concert will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3 in Orr Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door, $3 for adults, $1 for students.

The Intercollegiate Band is composed of outstanding musicians from Pennsylvania's colleges and universities. This year, 26 institutions will participate, forming a 118-member honors band.

"Size of the college or university has no bearing on how many students are chosen from each school," said R. Tad Greig, director of instrumental activities and this year's Intercollegiate host. "Each band director submits a list of qualified candidates for selection into the ensemble. The selection committee then meets to evaluate and select candidates for the band," Greig added.

Students must complete an information form, listing all of their musical experience, at their college/ university as well as any professional or community performance experience. This information is evaluated along with the ranking of the musician on a list submitted by each band director.

Though similar ensembles exist in other states, the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band has the distinction of being the longest continuous running ensemble of its type in the United States.

"The fact that this ensemble has been so successful over the past 55 years is a testament to the Pennsylvania college and university band directors' dedication toward providing outstanding educational experiences for their students," Greig said. "The Pennsylvania collegiate band directors are a very congenial group that looks forward to the opportunity of getting together to discuss issues that we all face and to support each others' endeavors. It also gives us the opportunity to watch some of the finest band conductors in the world."

The guest conductor for this event is Professor Eugene Corporon, the director of wind studies at the University of North Texas. "I have had the pleasure of meeting Professor Corporon on numerous occasions, the most recent at his university in Denton, Texas, when three Westminster instrumentalists were chosen to participate in the National Intercollegiate Band, hosted by the Collegiate Band Directors National Association. Corporon is well-known nationally and internationally and a fine conductor and educator," Greig said. "His ensembles are the most recorded in the nation and they have provided a wealth of the newest works and benchmark pieces through their recordings."

The college is hosting this event for the fourth time in its 55-year history. This performance is also one of the many events celebrating the sesquicentennial.

"What a great time to be hosting such an event," Greig said. "Not only do we have the opportunity to share our college with our neighboring schools, we have the opportunity to celebrate a milestone for our college."

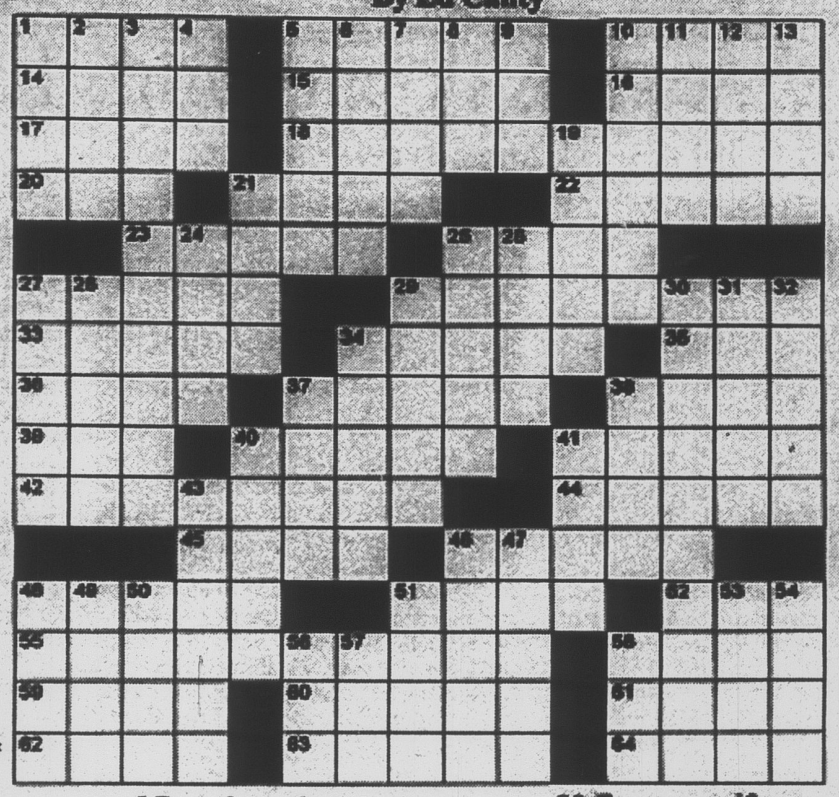
Students participating in the Intercollegiate Band are: Katie Miller – Flute, Theodore Merklin – Bassoon, Melody Hetzler – Bass Clarinet, Benjamin Sands – Trumpet, Allyson Parks – Horn, Sarah Plimpton – Horn, Matthew McLaughlin – Horn, Rob Chandler – Trombone, Dan DiDesiderio – Tuba and David Zaccari – Percussion.

Domske and Dell will be back after Spring Break to bring you reviews of the best movies of the season.

Crossword 101

Composing People

By Ed Canty



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10 Bro & sis
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15 Hello in Oahu
16 Business org.
17 Knife
18 "Kiss Me Kate" composer
20 Sawbuck
21 Shade
22 Prepared
23 Fibbing
25 Govern
27 "West Wing" star
29 Canning need
33 Gold measure
34 Tablecloths
35 Historic period
36 Hostels
37 Throws a fishing line
38 Legal document
39 Single
40 Teases
41 Not restrained
42 Storyteller
44 Fortified
45 Affirm
46 Musician Jones
48 Arthur to friends
51 Fish
52 Type of party
55 "Imagine" composer
58 Make over
59 Away from the wind
60 Approaches
61 Baby's bed
62 Former Bill's Andre
63 One of the 7 Dwarfs
64 Social climbers

Down

1 Boil, e.g.
2 Stringed instrument
3 "My Fair Lady" lyracist
4 Deborah Kerr to friends
5 Brunch staple
6 Sing _____
7 Enameled metalware
8 ____ Bible
9 Bark
10 Follows movie or smoke
11 Greek letter
12 Produced offspring
13 Nimble
19 Acrylic fiber
21 Shade
24 Affirmatives
25 Raves
26 Consumes
27 Heir
28 Jack ___ of TV's "Jungle Adventures"
29 Cheapskate
30 "Show Boat" composer
31 Get up
32 Evaluated
34 Toil
37 Quote
38 Exert oneself
40 Judge's mallet
41 Put down
43 Drizzled
46 Coastline
47 Large-flowered plan
48 Slightly open
49 Actor's quest
50 Archaic you
51 Child's play
53 Revise
54 Lots
56 Terminate
57 New:Prefix

Quotable Quote

There are more bad musicians than there is bad music.

• • • *Isaac Stern*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20

Don't believe everything you hear; make sure to check sources and facts. Work at staying debt-free. There may be a confining relationship on your mind. Give yourself some breathing space to think about which approach you want to take.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

This week may bring a difficult problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups over trivial problems. Later, you may feel a bit unsure of your next step, give it time and it may take care of itself.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Love is in the air this week. It's quite possible that you will find yourself in the midst of a new and exciting relationship, or will finally see a romantic possibility right under your nose. If you already have a committed sweetheart, the sparks are going to fly.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Moderation in your lifestyle is the key to making it this week. Spending time with children will keep your feet on the ground and possibly help you see things in a different way. Your craving for something new and exciting may have a negative effect on what you hold dear.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Old memories may be stirred up this week, and you may have a hard time putting your finger on just why this is so. Try to explore your feelings to the best of your abilities, and make an effort to look for the silver lining in that cloud over your head.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Your energies are magnified during the week, but be careful just how you use the power. Don't use this energy for destructive ends, or else you may find these negative vibes coming back to haunt you twofold. The weather, oddly enough, may have a rejuvenating effect on you.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Take into consideration those things which you value most and put your energy behind them. Use your financial resources responsibly. Attending to details about money will save you from wasting time and money later on. An opportunity for wealth has strings attached.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

This week you may be inclined to take a deep look at your philosophical approach to life. It may be time to shift your long-held views in order to come up to date with your maturity level. Accept any praise coming your way about a job well done, but don't let it go to your head.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

There may be anxieties just beneath the surface that will wreak havoc on your physical and mental health. Look to positive long-range plans in order to subdue your anxiety. Take changes in stride and you will see that something new may just suit you better.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Compassion and flexibility are essential during the week. It may be hard for you to watch someone you care for wallowing in self-pity, but there isn't much you can do about it. The way you approach solutions to a problem may not be the way others do. Set your sights on the future.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

A more assertive approach in the workplace will win points with someone higher up who is watching you. Maintain your cool and coworkers will be impressed as well. If the information coming to you seems confusing, take time to analyze everything before deciding anything.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Don't undertake a project this week that you are not equipped to do properly. It is very important to recognize your limitations. Don't take yourself so seriously, or else things will cease to be enjoyable. Everything is not a contest, no matter what others lead you to believe.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Changes on the work scene could bring you a promotion, but the money may not meet your expectations. Either hang in there and hope for improvement, or start looking for a better paying position. Use your intuition to resolve differences with a mate.

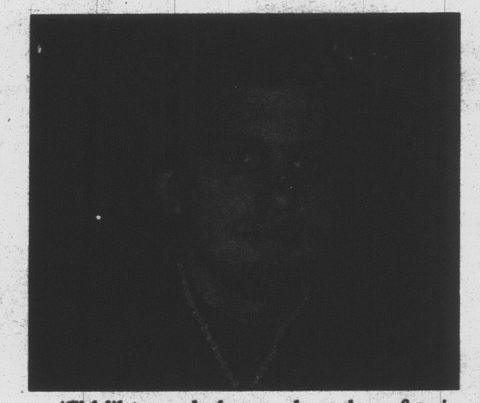
FEATURE

Question of the week: Ask anyone

If you could ask anybody any question, who you ask and what would you ask?

"That's a tough question. I don't know. I would ask the physical plant why they drive on the sidewalks when they are made for pedestrians." - **Nicole Denk, sophomore**

"I would just like to ask any of the preppie little chicks that I see why they are afraid of me." - **Ang Satteson, freshman**



"I'd like to ask the people at the cafeteria why they don't give us bigger cups for coffee. Because I like my freaking coffee. By the time you get to your seat, it's all spilled and stuff because the cups are not aerodynamically sound and they are stupid." - **Jim Brezel, sophomore**

"I would ask God if Adam didn't eat the apple when Eve offered it to him, would the earth still be corrupted?" - **Kellie Gilchrist, sophomore**

"I just want to know about all the stupid people. Where do they come from? Why are they here?" - **Rachel Jedinak, senior**

"Tony 'Butter' Ventresco. Is it good when RJ Bowers has more yards rushing against the Browns than he did against Westminster?" - **Pat Grandy, junior**

"I would ask Rocky why he runs up and down all those steps." - **Allison Evans, junior**

"I would ask Abraham Lincoln how he feels knowing that his portrait was placed on a penny. I think that would p--- him off because he is probably one of the most famous presidents and he got stuck on the lowest amount of currency in the United States." - **Brandon Apple, junior**

"God. What is the meaning of life? Isn't that the one everyone's dying to know? No pun intended." - **Christian Reifsteck, senior**

Students make plans for Spring Break

From Panama City to Palm Beach to Georgia

By Laurie Duffee
STAFF WRITER

Students are making plans to spend their spring breaks in different ways.

Sophomore Amy Bridge and three of her friends are visiting Panama City or Clearwater, Fla. "We're probably going to just bum around the beach and go to some clubs. Our college budget doesn't allow for luxuries," she said.

Lack of money is the biggest problem for students. "I'll just be going home because I don't have any money to take a trip," junior Katie McCluskey said. "A lot of my friends are going to Panama City."

Club La Vela is a popular spot for students vacationing in Panama City. According to the club's website, Club La Vela has teamed up with Intercollegiate Communications, Inc. to host the most corporate sponsors in the country for Spring Break 2002. The club has also hosted MTV's Spring Break programming on many occasions.

Sophomore Sara Ialongo is headed for North Palm Beach, Fla. "Our friend has a condo down there so he hooked us up," she said. "We'll probably do activities but we have nothing planned. I'd like to go snorkeling."

Students who would like to take a trip but have nothing planned can find ideas on the Internet. Two helpful websites are studentcity.com and adventureplanet.com. The websites offer information on a variety of destinations with different price ranges. Sophomore Erin Chittock is spending her break doing something a little more challenging. She is leading a trip with Titan Traverse to Cumberland Island, Georgia. "The island is untouched nature with wild horses running around," she said. "We'll be living out of tents. No showers. It's hardcore camping."

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
FEATURE EDITOR

After four years of college, cooking in dorm rooms has become an art form. Because I rarely have money for pizza, even on Wednesday nights (the wonderful Domino's special), I have tried a lot of interesting dorm food experiments; some were better than the others.

First and foremost, and I'm sure the majority of students will agree with me here; macaroni and cheese is a staple food for us. However, when mom slips up and buys the regular kind instead of Easy Mac, we have to buy accessory items in order to cook Mac and Cheese - milk and butter. I don't know about everyone else, but I rarely have milk and butter. This led to one of my first dorm food experiments - the many varieties of Mac and Cheese dependent upon available food items.

I highly advise against replacing milk and butter with water (the cheese sticks to the roof of your mouth like super glue) but if you have just milk or just butter, don't be afraid to try it anyway - it isn't so bad. Make sure the milk hasn't curdled yet.

At the end of each semester, I run out of meals before classes end. So depending on how much money I have, I have to be creative on a small budget. This led to my next dorm food experiment - rice dishes. Yes, I lived Survivor-style for about a week a couple of semesters ago. But because I like a little variety, I got justifiably tired of plain rice. I experimented with many things.

What worked? Butter and salt in rice wasn't too bad. Italian salad dressing was interesting at first, but I got used to it. Don't try catsup - it's not worth it. But the best rice dish I had that week was after a jaunt to the Golden Dawn where they sell 99 cent egg rolls. They aren't the best egg rolls I've ever had, but they tasted delicious with the rice.

Another food experiment, perfected by a good friend of mine, is the Pepsi-sickle. You take a two-liter of Pepsi and freeze it. This simple idea is wonderful - I tried it with Hawaiian Punch and was thoroughly pleased. It may not be filling or a good source of nutrition, but it's good. Strangely, my refrigerator doesn't freeze ice cream, but it will freeze pop.

If you have a George Foreman Grill, the possibilities are endless. My personal favorite food cooked on the GF Grill is a grilled cheese sandwich. All you need is a piece of cheese and a couple pieces of bread. Timing, however, is key with the Grill. Thinking that cooking a sandwich would take at least 10 minutes, I burned my first one. The Grill is quick, so keep that in mind if you are thinking about purchasing one.

Student Government Association: Committee reports

By Molly Dyke
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week's SGA meeting focused on team projects. Each senator is a member of one of four teams. These teams have been meeting periodically throughout the term and are finishing their final project plans for the semester.

The Campus Improvement Committee has addressed many of the concerns presented by students, including the placements of sidewalks by the softball field and Shaw. The SGA is planning to build a gazebo on the northwest side of Brittain Lake, between the baseball field and the Rock. The committee is also looking into placing picnic tables around campus.

SGA Promotions Committee has planned another SGA Promotion day for March 20. Current senators will be running the event. Golf carts, music and refreshments are a few things that have been considered. A possible SGA all-campus barbeque may also take place on that day.

The Sesquicentennial Committee has reserved Anderson Amphitheater for April 30. SGA is planning on hosting a karaoke event. A judged contest will have prizes for the best acts. Food will be provided.

The fourth team project is working with Fitness Center Improvements and Student Satisfaction Surveys. After reviewing the Student Satisfaction Surveys the campus filled out at the end of last year, the committee began to discuss student issues. Following the review, administration already began to deal with the idea of crisis training for campus security and students. The members within this team project are also looking into the extension of fitness center and library hours as well as the overall improvement of these resources.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"SINGLED OUT" sponsored by the Kappa Delta sorority and Star 100.7 is scheduled Wednesday, March 21 at 8 p.m. in Orr. One man and one woman will have the chance to "single out" their perfect mate from the dating pool, and get an all-expenses paid date. To be part of the dating pool, e-mail Stacy at oprisusm@westmninster.edu.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE NIGHT OWL BOWLING is Saturday, March 2. Sign up during lunch today.

ATTENTION GREEKS! Color Me Greek will display shirts, sweatshirts, warm-ups and more Monday, March 4, in Ferguson Lounge from 2-4 p.m.

THE INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL AND THE PANHELENIC ASSOCIATION are hosting a Risk Management Program for the entire campus. Much of the Westminster off-campus social activity is sponsored by Greek organizations and holding these events creates many problems for the hosts. The issues of alcohol abuse, hazing, drugs and both physical and sexual assault are a constant concern for organizations that sponsor parties at their respective locations. The sororities and fraternities at Westminster are eager to learn how to become better and safer hosts and they extend an invitation to the entire campus to attend this lecture so that you can learn how to become better and safer guests. In today's society fun can turn to tragedy in the blink of an eye. In an effort to prevent that, everyone is invited to attend the program "What's All This Fuss about Risk Management", presented by Rick Barnes from Campuspeak. The program will be held on Monday March 4, at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium and will run approximately one hour. Rick has 17 years of professional involvement in higher education and extensive service in the fraternal setting. He is currently the Director of Special Projects for the Division of Student Affairs at Texas Christian University.

Please plan to attend this worthwhile and enlightening event that will present risk management in many new and different perspectives.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 1
Squatters' Applications due in Student Affairs Office by 4:30 p.m.
Deadline for Intramural Sign-ups for Pickle Ball Singles and Doubles - Field House Lobby or Old 77 Office
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: *You Can't Take It With You* - Beeghly Theater
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 2
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: *You Can't Take It With You* - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: TINY (comic) - Down Under
8:45 p.m. Intercollegiate Band Party - Down Under

SUNDAY 3
SPRING FLING IN PITTSBURGH
2:00 p.m. Theatre Westminster: You Can't Take It With You - Beeghly Theater
2:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Festival Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* - Down Under

MONDAY 4
LLP Block III Classes End
Desk staff applications available in Student Affairs Office
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 5
FILE FAFSA 2002
Career Center Internship/Summer Job Day
LLP Block IV Classes Begin
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr
7:30 p.m. Faculty Organ Recital: Beth Harrison - Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting - OM 210
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film Festival: The Fringe Dwellers (Australian) - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 6
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Scott MacKenzie, "How Does KCACTF Help Small Colleges?" - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - TBA

THURSDAY 7
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Geology Field Trip to Carnegie Museum
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Our Sinatra - Orr Auditorium

Kappa Delta's

SINGLED OUT

Enter to be a contestant in the dating pool for a chance to win an all expense paid date

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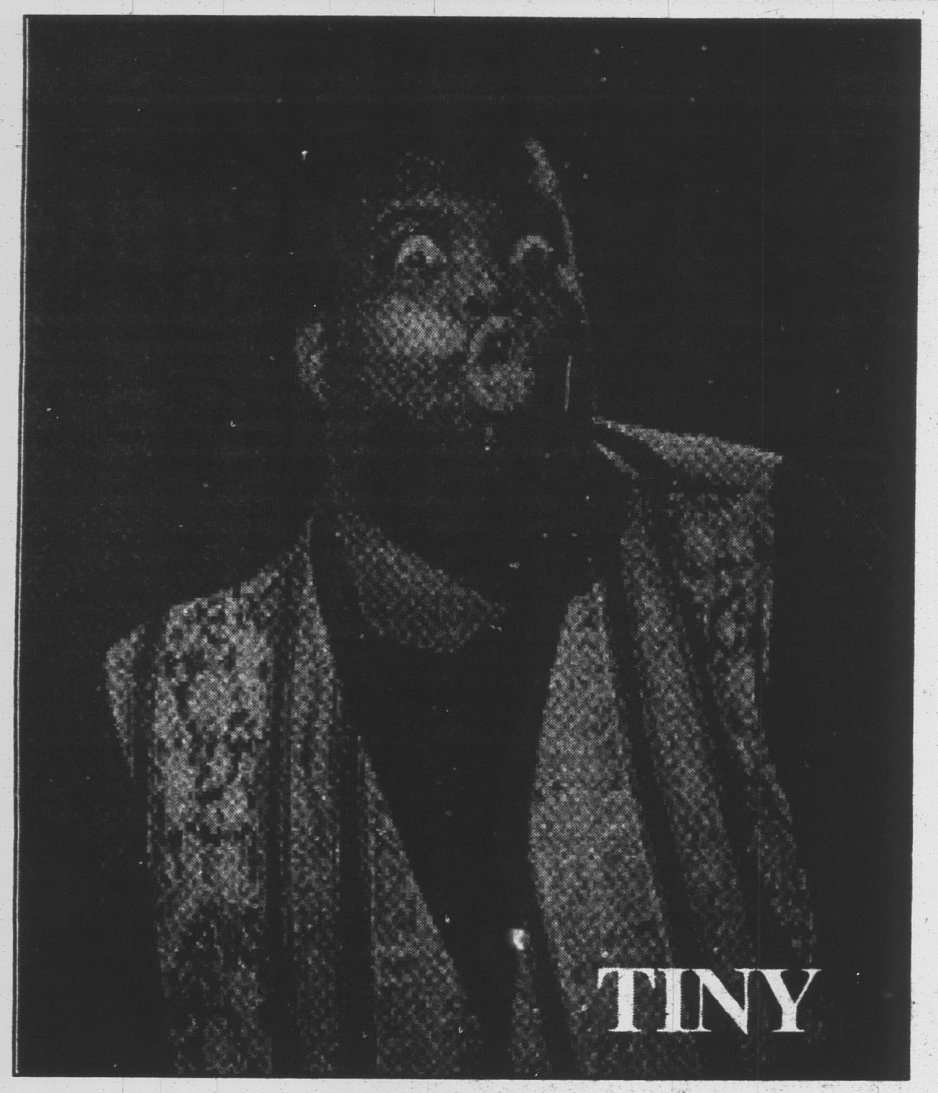
Benefits Prevent Child Abuse America

- March 21, 2002 at 8 pm
- In Orr Auditorium
- Mail your entry form and $3 to mailbox 819

At the Down Under



Upcoming Events:

Mar. 22: 1 Acts
Mar. 23: 1 Acts
Apr. 5: JT's Cafe
Apr. 6: Comic - Jon Repp
Apr. 13: Comic - Steve Byrne
Apr. 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend
Apr. 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe
May 4: VolleyRock

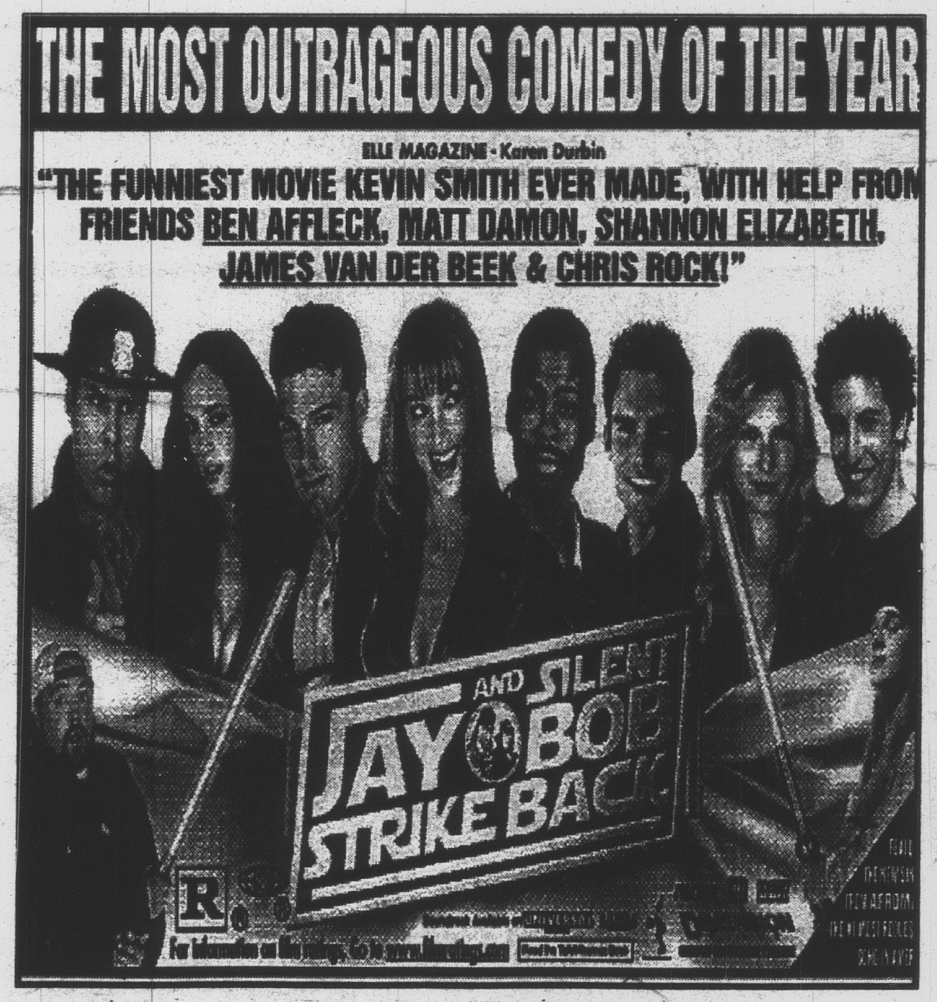
Weekend Schedule

Mar. 1: Friday 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
JT's Cafe

Mar. 2: Saturday 8:00 p.m.
Interactive Comedian - TINY

Mar. 3: Sunday 9:00 p.m.
Movie: *Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back*

As always free popcorn, soda and cappuccino



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One-Act Festival tonight

Photo by Heidi Krieger

A scene from *The Doctor Will See You Now.*

By Sarah Martin
Staff Writer

The One-Act Festival in the Down Under on March 22 and 23 guarantees an evening of comedy and entertainment. The festival is the biggest event of the year for the honorary theatre fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega. This year's performance includes five student-directed plays.

Junior Jason Cooper is directing *Diversions* by Christopher Durang. Cooper described his play as mass chaos. "I chose this play because it hasn't been done yet and it is hilarious. Durang is a good author and is a lot of fun to perform," Cooper said. In this show, Durang is making fun of the justice system. A man tries to save someone from suicide and then becomes a victim of the court. "Random, that is the only way I can describe it," said

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Bad water flavor due to algae growth

By Sarah Lohr
Staff Writer

What's green, smelly and lives in the Pymatuning Reservoir? No, it's not Nessy, just overactive algae.

Many students have noticed the distinct odor and odd taste of the campus water.

Because of the unseasonably warm weather, the algae in the reservoir have flourished, causing the bad smell and taste in the New Castle, Sharon, Hermitage and New Wilmington water.

Director of Physical Plant, Owen Wagner explained that water has two characteristics: physical which is harmful, and aesthetic which pertains to taste and smell.

Wagner said the aesthetic problem is not harmful, just unpleasant. "There's nothing the college can do about it, we don't treat the water here," Wagner said.

Wagner also explained that the water is never tested by the campus, but is tested regularly by the water company for harmful materials.

Articles regarding the problem have been written for the Sharon Herald and the New Castle News. The Herald article on Jan. 30 included a statement from the Pennsylvania-American Water Co., Shenango Division which supplies the water to 80,000 customers.

Vice president of the water company, Ken Baumann stated in the article, "This is a natural compound and it poses no health threat."

The water company is adding chemicals and additives to kill the bothersome algae and eliminate the problems.

Baumann added that the local division has received two or three calls daily about the problem in the Mercer, Lawrence and Trumbull counties.

Although the tainted water seems to be the topic of conversation among students, only

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Sept. 11 six-month anniversary

By Dave Field
Staff Writer

On March 11, President Bush addressed the nation about the six-month anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history. "For the families of the lost, each day brings new pain; each day requires new courage," Bush said. "We are a united people. They cannot tear us apart."

On this same day, Howard Stern and American and United Airlines organized a benefit, Americans are United at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City just a few blocks from Ground Zero.

"Flight attendants were the first ones to die," said Nancy Frawley, a United Airlines flight attendant and co-organizer of the event. "Our goal is to give 100 percent of the proceeds to the families of the 25 flight attendants killed on September 11th, pay tribute to our heroes, and come together as an industry and unite against terrorism."

A distinguished guest and key speaker of the night was New York City's 108th mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg. Mayor Bloomberg made it clear to the crowd, primarily New York City citizens, that he is going to strive for the city's recovery.

The mayor indicated that it was only six months ago that the terrorists thought they had taken away the city's pride. He implored citizens and the watching world to look at New York now. "We will prevail!" Bloomberg said.

The $50 ticket included admission to the event, open bar, sushi bar, plenty of hors d'oeuvres and two live bands: Quoting

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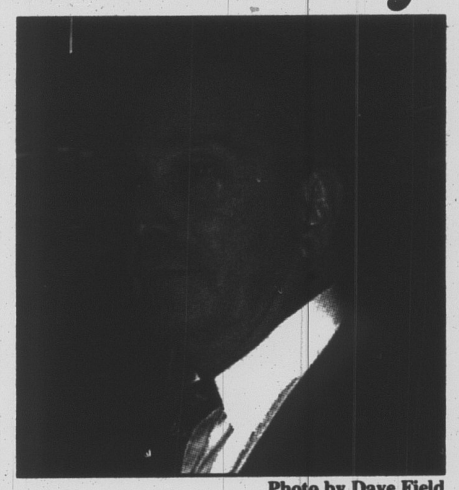

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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

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CAMPUS NEWS

Five students win first place in business competition

By Christy Steidel
Staff Writer

Five students took first place and $1500 prize money in the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounts business competition in Philadelphia on Feb. 16.

The competition began in November, when teams from across Pennsylvania submitted business plans designed from scratch. Westminster's five-member team consisted of juniors Jared Gashel and Anna Thomas, seniors Andrea Bean, Alan Eargle and Kurt Rudloff. These students worked together to create a small bicycle and track messenger service. Steel City Messenger Service earned the team a chance to advance to the finals.

The judges received 25-35 other business plans and narrowed it down to the top five.

Other college team finalists included those from Slippery Rock State University, the University of Pittsburgh, Wilkes University and Bloomsburg State University.

"For me, it was an enriching experience to work with such talented students," senior Andrea Bean said. "Our skills and abilities balanced out well to make possible what, at times, seemed like an overwhelming task."

"It was almost as if everyone had their own part of the project that was their contribution," junior Jared Gashel said.

In Philadelphia, the five finalists were faced with a new challenge. The participants were given four hours to revise their business plan in order to accommodate three major circumstances specified by the judges. The student team prepared a presentation of those changes.

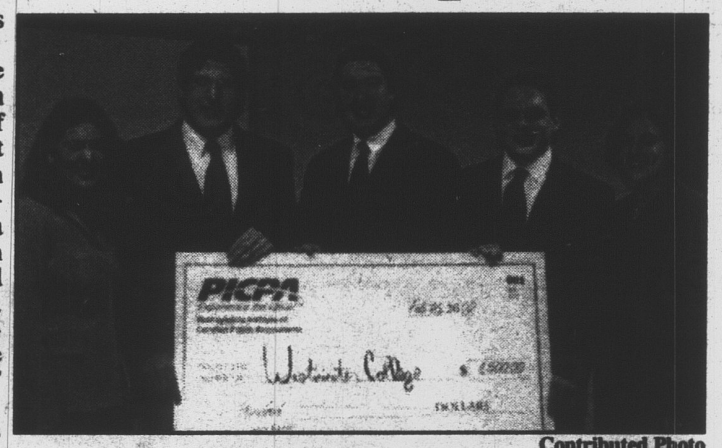
"We honestly had a great time working together. As with any team, we had our stressful moments, but it was obvious in Philadelphia that we were enjoying ourselves for the most part," Bean said. "We were forced to consider every aspect of the business, which gave me a better understanding overall of the time and effort that goes into the real life business decisions."

Some parts of the presentation were an immediate plan of action, a statement of assumptions, an operational/management structure, a strategic annual plan and a marketing and public relations plan.

"It definitely prepared me for the business world," Gashel said.

Westminster's team has finished third and second the last two years at Philadelphia, but this is the first year they have placed first.

"Taking home the 'big check' made the countless hours even more worthwhile," Bean said.



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Anna Thomas, Kurt Rotthoff, Alan Eargle, Jared Gashel and Andrea Bean stand with their prize.

Handicap door debate ends: It's OK to push the button

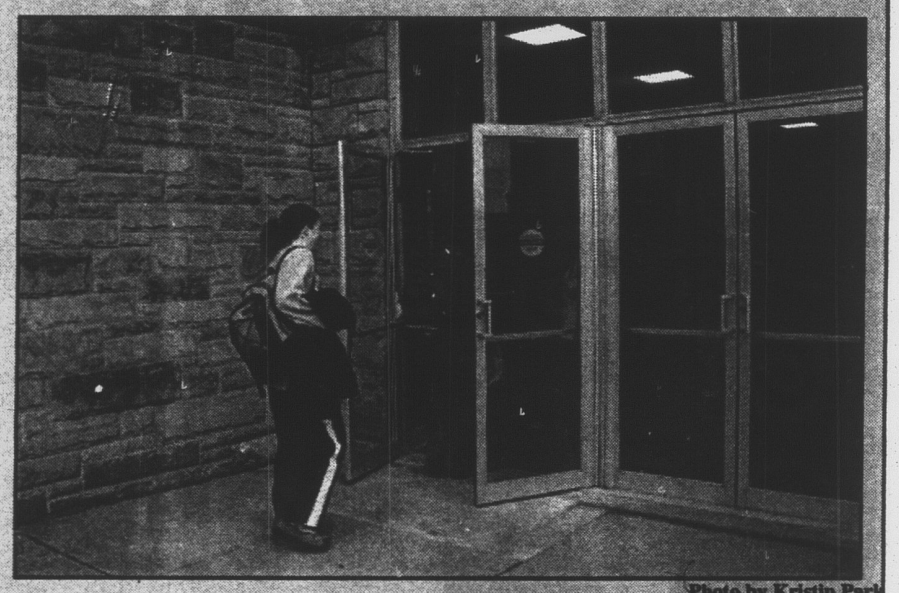

Photo by Kristin Park
Since its installation, students have been debating about whether or not it's appropriate to use the buttons for the door in Galbreath.

By Stacey Babyak
Staff Writer

Students have engaged in a lengthy debate over the proper way to open Galbreath's new automatic doors.

A significant portion of the campus community argued the buttons that trigger the automatic doors should be utilized only by physically challenged individuals. Other students use the "automatic" feature because the new doors are heavier and more difficult to open manually.

These doors were the first step toward making the campus handicap accessible. Assistant Dean John Lechner said Galbreath was the convenient choice because of the cafeteria, security and the freight elevator.

"We really did not have a female residence hall that was handicap accessible," he said.

After the doors were installed during winter break, students did not know how to react.

"I usually push the buttons because the doors are a lot heavier now," sophomore Kelly Hope said.

Others say the doors should be opened manually.

"I just don't understand the point. People are very capable of opening the doors themselves," junior Jon Joy said.

The director of the Physical Plant, William Wagner, said that the buttons can be used by anyone.

"Our main concern is to try to get students in and out safely during an emergency," he said.

Wagner also says that using the buttons will not harm the doors. He and his crew are trying to adjust the doors so they are not so heavy for students who wish to open them manually.

Dean Lechner and Wagner plan to add more automatic doors to the campus in the future. The doors will accompany new ramps and handicap accessible bathrooms as well.

Alpha Phi Omega sponsors Retro Dance in Down Under

By Michael Armstrong
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega sponsored a Retro Dance open to all students on Feb. 22 in the Down Under from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

People dressed up in outfits like Madonna and Cyndi Lauper. The walls were decorated with vintage memorabilia and disc jockeys Trever Frazior and Jake Stumpf provided the oldies to create a retro atmosphere.

"The outfits brought back lots of memories, especially Madonna and the 'Like a Virgin' scene," freshman Laura Krutschnitt said. "I think everyone had fun whether they were dancing or just hanging out."

This was a final rush party for Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity dedicated to leadership, friendship and service with over 600 chapters across the country. It is open to all students upon successful completion of a pledge period. Alpha Phi Omega's minimum requirements are 12 hours of service each term and dues. Annual projects include ushering, car washes, Boy Scout activities and Shenango Home programs.

"The Retro Dance is a chance for our service organization to hold a social event for the whole campus. For one night, we put away the service projects and welcome everyone to join us in some fun," senior Christian Reifsteck said.

At the end of the night, everyone joined together in a big circle to sing "Piano Man" by Billy Joel.

"It was a rockin' good time," freshman Pam Chovan said.

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freshman cast member Maggie Muir.

Fellow junior Katrina Kayden is also directing a play by Durang called *The Doctor Will See You Now*. In this script, the character Mr. Wilson goes to the doctor for allergies but the doctor and nurse insist that he has venereal disease. A noisy woman who keeps bursting into song adds to all of the confusion.

"The play looked like a good script with a lot of humor," Kayden said. This is her directorial debut, although she has been involved with the theater for three years. Directing is a very rewarding experience for Kayden. "Everyone has so much fun with it and it is always worth seeing," she said.

Senior Bill Weniger is directing *Medea*, another comedy by Durang. It is a spoof of the original Greek tragedy of *Medea*. "I did Durang last year and he seems to fit well with the audience. It is very funny," Weniger said. Random lines from other shows are thrown in throughout the play.

This is Weniger's third time directing a one-act. "I like doing the one-acts because they are much more relaxed. It's almost a cabaret setting," Weninger said. "It is a much more free environment without the boundaries of typical theater. Anything goes."

Senior Craig Gottschalk decided to move away from Durang for his third year of directing. He is directing two acts this year, *Suppressed Desires* by a British author and *If Men Played Cards as Women Do* by George Kaufman. "I wanted to do something different. I thought these plays were challenging and the cast could handle it," Gottschalk said.

In *Suppressed Desires*, the character Henrietta is fascinated with psychoanalysis and her actions drive her husband crazy. He tricks her into dropping her obsession.

The second play is a farce about four men playing cards as if they were women. The men talk about clothes and gossip about each other.

"I was looking through a book of plays and these two had catchy titles, then I read them and they seemed really interesting," Gottschalk said. "If you are interested in theater, you should come check it out. There is a lot less pressure and it's a very inviting atmosphere."

Lil' Sibs Weekend registration begins for Apr. 19-21

By Michael DaVia
Staff Writer

Lil' Sibs weekend on April 19-21 offers the chance for students to host their siblings, friends or neighbors for a weekend on campus. According to Assistant Dean of Students Camille Hawthorne, the event has been running for more than 10 years. Last year more than 100 siblings participated in the weekend.

According to junior Meghan Lex, the coordinator for Lil' Sibs 2002, this year will feature new events. The schedule for the weekend includes a pizza and karaoke party, a presentation by Dance Theater, a baseball game, a tennis match and an open night at JT's café. Alpha Sigma Phi's Relay for Life, Earth Day and Habitat for Humanity are all hosting events that weekend as well.

"I think Lil' Sibs 2002 will be even more exciting for the sibs," Lex said. "The campus will very busy that weekend, but I feel it will be a positive experience."

The students and their siblings can make birdhouses with Habitat with Humanity or participate in a change parade around the track at Burry stadium during Relay for Life.

Junior Bridgette Kennedy will be hosting her little sister, Emily. Kennedy hosted her sister last year too. "Emily loves coming up because it makes her feel special to spend time with me at school; it will be really nice to catch up on the time we miss during the school year," Kennedy said.

Registration packets will be sent to all students' homes over break so they have enough time to plan for the arrival of their young visitors.

Slate Nave wins election; plans seven off-campus events

By Rachel Lawrence
Staff Writer

The 2001-02 SGA slate winner is Nave. The elections were held Feb. 26-28. Forty-eight percent of the student body voted. Gashel received 278 votes and Nave received 355.

The members of the new slate are: Christopher Nave, President; Christine Atkins, Vice President; Mike Crochunis, secretary; Julie Lechner, treasurer; Mike Davia, academics; Drew Huston, finance; Christina Waszczak, judicial; Erika Hink, public relations and Carolee Reed, special events. On Wednesday, March 27, the new slate will take over. At the annual banquet, Nave will be sworn in.

This slate's slogan is, "Turning ideas into reality." Slate members plan to do the traditional events including Volley Rock and College Bowl, and they hope to implement at least seven off-campus events per year.

"We figured the best way to benefit the students with concerts is to take the students off campus rather than to bring the band here. This way they can see bands and have transportation for half the cost," Nave said.

The new slate will use the full committee instead of sub-parties. Now small groups will discuss issues and debate them in front of the senate. The new slate has many ideas, which can be read on their website: http://www.westminster.edu/staff/driskodl/studentaffairs/sga.html.

Votes have increased since the use of e-mail voting. More than 400 students voted via e-mail.

The slate's training session/retreat will be held Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23 at the Pittsburgh Sheraton in Station Square. During the retreat, the previous slate will help the new slate prepare for next year.

"It is a chance for the newly elected officers to talk to us about any questions or concerns," current SGA president Lindsey Braem said.

"I believe that the goals and objectives they have set will not only benefit Westminster now, but they will set the student

Sesquicentennial cookbook on sale in the Tower Room next week

By Andrea Majot
Staff Writer

Another link was added to the sesquicentennial chain of events on Thursday when President R. Thomas Williamson accepted his copy of Westminster's cookbook.

"Thank you everybody for putting this together," Williamson said. "I think it will be *the* keepsake from the sesquicentennial."

Glorious, Grand ... Tried and True is composed of recipes contributed by the support staff. The cookbook committee of Mary Dado, Denise Guthery, Leslie Kendall, Regene King, Christi Kwiat, Pat Lewis and Carol Mounts contacted past and present employees of the college asking for recipe submissions. The project, in the works since last fall, received 550 recipes, far surpassing the cookbook committee's expectations of 300 contributions.

"It was typical of the Westminster giving spirit—the recipes poured in," project chair Beth Brooks said.

After only two weeks of sales, more than 500 copies have been purchased.

"I think the cookbook is really special because it came from the people you don't always hear from," volunteer Marlene Birkhead said. "It came from the support staff ... and you get to hear their voice—through food."

Birkhead is one of four volunteers who has helped the cookbook committee. The other volunteers, Rhonda Osborne, Kathleen Proctor and Jill Haines join Birkhead in her effort to spread the word about the support staff's contribution to the sesquicentennial.

The proceeds of the books, which cost $10 each, will benefit the campus community through a project to be determined at a later date.

Books can be purchased in the Old Main Tower Room Monday through Thursday next week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Orders can also be placed through the bookstore or by contacting Brooks at the Student Affairs office.

"It's something tangible you can see and it will last for years and years," Brooks said.

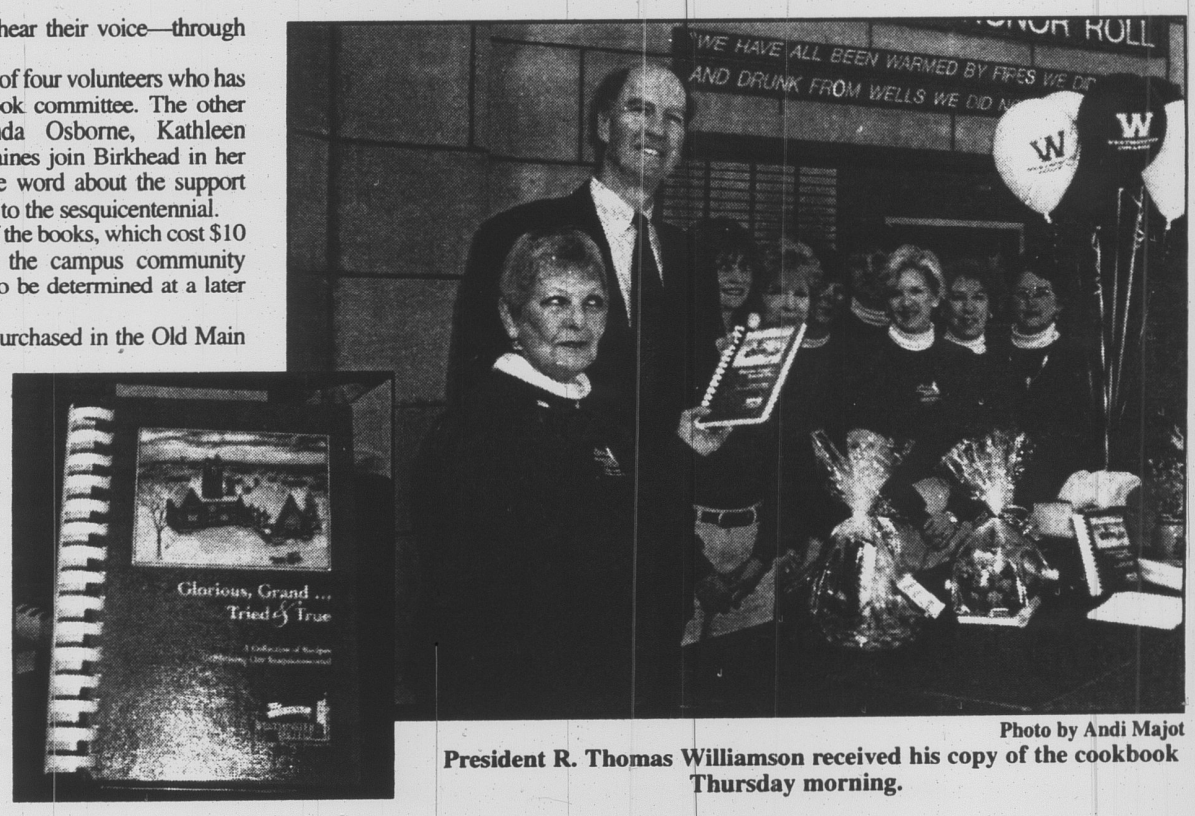

Photo by Andi Majot
President R. Thomas Williamson received his copy of the cookbook Thursday morning.

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two complaints have been made to Physical Plant during the problem's three-month duration.

Lack of complaints could be due to the students' assumption that the strange taste in the water is due to the construction on campus. "The construction is totally isolated from the water system to avoid problems," Wagner said.

"The water tastes like you're sucking on a lead pipe," junior Bridgette Kennedy said. "I normally drink out of my Brita filter or drink bottled water."

Other students don't seem to notice the change in water. "I don't drink the tap water, but the water fountain water tastes fine," sophomore Isaac Ludwig said.

Because of the small number of complaints among students and residence staff members, the college did not send out a notice to clear up the misunderstanding.

"We need to work with the water company and let them know," Wagner said. "Complaining is good in this case."

Physical Plant urges students to complain to the RAs and RDs of their residence halls and if no action is taken, to then contact the office personally.

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Jefferson and Philadelphia Funk Authority.

Silent and live auctions were also conducted, including "dates" with American and United crewmembers, NYC firefighters, NYC police officers and federal agents. Among the dates auctioned off was my sister Amy Field. She made her contribution with her bidder winning her at $2500. She and her date will have an all-expense-paid cruise through New York City's harbor with dinner and drinks.

"I am so excited about giving back. As you may or may not know, we flight attendants do not make too much money ... if this is the best I can do to help, then I am glad to participate," Field said.

Other auction items included worldwide airline tickets (trips to Bali, Maui and many other exotic locations), theatre tickets (Broadway, late night shows) dinners, hotel packages and celebrity-autographed items from Joe Torre, Annie Leibovitz, Michael J. Fox, Hootie and the Blowfish, Sarah Jessica Parker, Andre Agassi, Eric Lindors and Tiger Woods.

The ceremony of the Tribute in Light also added to the festivities. The tribute consisted of two powerful beams of light that resemble a ghost-like image of the twin towers. They can be observed from dusk until 11 p.m. every day until April 13. Organizers say it is a "tribute to the memory of those lost, and a symbol of the spirit of the great city of New York."

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Sept. 11 service criticized for proselytizing employees

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - A group that promotes freedom from religion complained about a "Service of Healing" led by Gov. Bob Taft after the Sept. 11 attacks. The complaint was dismissed as baseless.

The group claims the service held in the Statehouse Atrium promoted the Christian faith.

The Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation asked Ohio Inspector General Thomas Charles in a Feb. 11 letter to investigate whether Taft and several other state leaders proselytized state employees on state property at the event, or at subsequent videoconferences of it aired around the state.

Charles, who attended the event, told The Cleveland Plain Dealer that a four-member panel of attorneys and investigators on his staff reviewed the claim and dismissed it as baseless.

"Technically, probably you could say 'state property' or 'religion in the Statehouse' or something, but they pray before (legislative) sessions in the Statehouse every day," Charles said.

"And if the same thing happened again, I would be the first one in line to attend it. It was a very uplifting event."

More than 500 lawmakers, state officials, members of the Ohio Supreme Court, state workers and members of the public attended the lunchtime event Sept. 12.

The event was marked by a call to prayer by Taft and a passionate presentation by the Rev. Aaron Wheeler, chairman of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. "Amazing Grace"' was played on the bagpipes.

Annie Laurie Gaylor, president of the foundation, said Taft went beyond expressing personal religious beliefs when he told participants: "Today we should pray. We should pray for the victims, the families, for our state and for our nation."

She also noted that Wheeler, pastor of Mountaintop Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, cited numerous biblical passages, referred to the "basic instructions before leaving Earth" as being "written in the Bible," and said the terrorists "didn't have a real god."

"It is very fitting for a governor to make comments of mourning and remembrance following Sept. 11," she said. "The purpose of this seemed to be to worship and proselytize."

Charles said that attendance was voluntary and that he had received no other complaints.

Gaylor said that, while attendance at the initial event may have been voluntary, state-produced videotapes of it were later broadcast at mandatory meetings at several state agencies.

She said employees of at least two agencies were directed to pray at the subsequent viewings. She said "numerous state workers and Ohioans" prompted her complaint.

In a letter to Gaylor, Taft's deputy chief legal counsel, Carrie Glaeden, said Ohio Government Telecommunications filmed the service "as part of their normal duties" – effectively costing the taxpayers nothing.

The nonprofit foundation, based in Madison, Wis., said it represents atheists, agnostics and "skeptics of any pedigree."

The foundation Web site said that "the history of Western civilization shows us that most social and moral progress has been brought about by persons free from religion."

On the Net:
Freedom From Religion Foundation: http://www.ffrf.org

13-year-old girl killed by puck at NHL game

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - A 13-year-old girl died two days after she was hit in the head by a hockey puck that flew into the stands during an NHL game.

Brittanie Cecil died Monday night, Children's Hospital said Tuesday. The girl was struck by a shot early in the Columbus Blue Jackets' 3-1 victory over the Calgary Flames on Saturday night.

"Our fans mean the world to us," said Doug MacLean, Blue Jackets general manager. "This loss has profound effect on the entire Blue Jackets family."

Witnesses said the shot by the Blue Jackets' Espen Knutsen flew over the high glass at the west end of the rink, glanced off another spectator and hit the girl on the head.

National Hockey League spokesman Frank Brown said Tuesday he could not recall any other fan killed by a puck.

He said one NHL player, Bill Masterson, died in 1968 from injuries suffered in a fall during a game.

Teams warn spectators over the public-address system about pucks flying into the crowd. They also place warnings on scoreboards and on the back of each ticket.

Although rare, spectators have been killed and seriously injured at hockey games, particularly in the low minor leagues and the amateur ranks where the glass is not as high around the rink.

Regional Briefs

Pittsburgh police brutality cases to be tried

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A federal judge flipped a coin to decide the order in which the police brutality cases against Pittsburgh police will be tried.

U.S. District Judge Robert J. Cindrich asked attorneys for the defendants and the police to pick the 10 cases each side thought it was most likely to win. The plaintiffs won the coin toss, meaning their attorney gets to present what they think is their strongest case starting April 22.

The 54 residents—36 of whom are black—claim the city, its highest officials and 75 officers condoned a pervasive pattern of abuse.

The trials stem from a class-action lawsuit originally filed in 1996 on behalf of 66 people by the American Civil Liberties Union. One lost at trial, another had his claim dismissed and 10 others have withdrawn their claims.

A year after the lawsuit, the Justice Department found the city had a "pattern and practice" of tolerating civil rights abuses by its officers and imposed reforms.

That finding affects all of the remaining claims. The trials that remain are to determine if individual plaintiffs deserve any compensatory damages and, if so, how much.

New Castle man convicted of selling drugs

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP) - A convenience store operator convicted of selling drugs faces seven to 60 years in prison when he is sentenced.

Issa George Haddad, 42, was convicted at a jury trial Friday of selling OxyContin to a confidential informant from the Cruise-In Food Mart in Lawrence County.

Haddad's attorney, Carmen F. Lamancusa, said he will appeal the conviction because the informant has pending criminal charges and the prosecution agreed to a deal for her cooperation.

Haddad's brother, Attallah George Haddad, 39, pleaded guilty on Jan. 17 to selling OxyContin from the store, which the brothers managed. The store is owned by their sister, Iklas Haddad, a U.S. citizen who lives in Jordan.

As part of his plea agreement, Attallah Haddad agreed to leave the United States for 10 years by April 30.

A sentencing hearing for Issa George Haddad hasn't been scheduled.

Pittsburgh man sentenced for fondling boys

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A man was sentenced to three to 10 years in prison for fondling five boys near a park.

Stephen Rutledge, 47, of Homestead, pleaded guilty Monday to five counts each of indecent assault, corruption of minors and unlawful contact with minors. He also pleaded guilty to one count each of unlawful restraint and terroristic threats.

Police said Rutledge met the boys—ages 8 to 13—at Frick Park and took them to nearby areas in Homestead Borough. He asked them to close their eyes and then fondled them. He sometimes offered the boys money and in one instance, threatened to hurt a boy if he told anyone.

Rutledge will be on probation for 10 years once he is released from prison. He also faces a hearing to determine possible additional sentencing under Megan's Law, which sets sentencing standards for sex offenders.

Unlicensed driver killed in crash while fleeing police

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - An unlicensed driver with a history of traffic offenses was killed when his car crashed while fleeing police who had tried to stop him.

Raymond E. Haynes III, 21, of Akron, was killed Monday morning when his car hit two utility poles while going about 60 mph on a city street.

Two officers in separate cruisers tried to stop Haynes for speeding and failure to yield. His car slowed, but he drove off and crashed about 30 seconds later, according to crash-reconstruction officer Ken Clark.

Tests to determine if drugs or alcohol were in Haynes' system were pending, the coroner's office said.

Haynes had a history of traffic violations and was driving without a license, police said.

Investigation of tourism commercial spending to begin

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The state's inspector general will investigate whether Gov. Bob Taft's office withheld any public records that state Sen. Leigh Herington had requested about the re-editing of a tourism commercial in which Taft appeared, Herington said Monday.

Herington, a Democrat from Ravenna, said he wants Inspector General Tom Charles to also look into why tourism officials or the governor's office needed to reshoot parts of the ad to include Taft, a Republican.

Charles did not return a telephone message seeking comment and Taft spokesman Joe Andrews said he had not heard from Charles that he would investigate the matter. Andrews said Taft's office would "cooperate thoroughly" with any investigation that Charles would initiate.

Taft's office ordered that a new tourism commercial be re-edited to include the governor, costing about $148,000 at a time state agencies were told to cut spending, The Columbus Dispatch reported last week.

The newspaper said documents it obtained also showed that the decision to re-shoot and overhaul the "So Much to Discover" commercial was made over the objections of Ohio's top tourism official and its media consultant.

"It would be appropriate for him (Charles) to review the whole set of circumstances. The public needs to know how it is we came about to spend this money," Herington said.

The ads in question aired in April, May and June. State development director Bruce Johnson said the ads will air again this spring.

Herington said he has renewed an open records request to the Development Department for information about the ad's production. He said he didn't believe he received all the information he originally requested about the ads last May.

NATIONAL

Professor's research could lead to methane-powered autos

By Blythe Terrell
The Maneater (U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. - When University of Missouri physics professor Peter Pfeifer began his study of carbon pores in 1996, the last thing he expected was to provide important research about methane-powered automobiles.

A new method would avoid energy waste by directly powering automobiles rather than having to heat up the engine like combustion engines do, Pfeifer said. The chemical attraction between carbon and methane causes the methane to compress into a small space, which has been a problem for those who have tried to develop methane-powered engines.

"Most people think of methane as a replacement for gasoline because it minimizes pollution," Pfeifer said. "But for fuel cells powered by battery, chemicals in methane can provide an electric current to power the car."

Pfeifer and his colleagues' explorations into carbon pores revealed small, tunnel-like structures called nanopores. This system of tubes may provide, among other things, room for methane molecule storage.

This is essential in the development of methane-powered vehicles, Pfeifer said.

Sen. Jean Carnahan, D-Mo., has been in support of alternative fuel sources such as biodiesel and ethanol.

"Although we have not heard of this particular development, it's something I'm sure we would look at," Carnahan spokesman Tony Wyche said. "Anything that would help us increase our production of fuel and decrease our reliance on imported fossil fuels is of interest to us."

In his carbon research at MU, Pfeifer initially set out to explore the structure of pores in solid carbon through use of X-ray. Since the 1980s, scientists have suspected nanopores may exist, Pfeifer said. However, none had been able to prove it until now.

"We were very tickled and excited to find something this elusive that we'd expected to exist for quite some time," Pfeifer said.

The carbon Pfeifer used came from plant matter heated at extremely high temperatures. Formation of pores occurs when the carbon is treated with steam at high pressure and high heat. The tubes are between one and two nanometers wide.

"You can treat these in a gazillion different ways," Pfeifer said. "It's important that the steam treatment is done slowly, not aggressively."

Pfeifer and his colleagues published the results of their research Monday. The paper is titled "Nearly Space-Filling Fractal Networks of Carbon Nanopores" and was published in The American Physical Society's journal, "Physical Review Letters." Pfeifer said he would like to continue to research this development if he has sufficient staff.

Four arrested in Utah cockfighting ring

MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE, Utah (AP) - A Weber County sheriff's deputy investigating a suspicious vehicle flushed out a cockfighting ring.

Four people were arrested and 54 live and 40 dead roosters were discovered.

The deputy was on routine patrol when he noticed the vehicle pull into a warehouse just after 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Weber County Sheriff's Lt. Klint Anderson said.

As the deputy began questioning the two occupants of the car, about 50 people ran from the warehouse. The deputy looked inside the warehouse and saw two rings set up and several dead roosters on the floor, Anderson said.

After the deputy called for backup, investigators found roosters in pens, crates and cages inside the warehouse, in vehicles that were abandoned at the scene and in cages in a nearby field.

The crates had shipping labels on them from Arizona, Nevada and Oklahoma with the words "Cock Fight—Best Quality" printed on them, Anderson said.

The birds, some of which were injured, were taken to the Weber County Animal Shelter.

Officers also found some syringes and a large but undisclosed amount of cash.

A Nevada man and three Idaho residents were arrested, two Utah residents were cited and dozens of others were being investigated for suspicion of gambling and being spectators of an organized animal fighting exhibition.

The site is owned by KBC Leasing. The owner told officers he rented out the space without knowing any illegal activity was going on.

Cockfighting is legal only in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

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National Briefs

Man to serve 18 months for swallowing diamond

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) - A man accused of trying to steal a diamond by swallowing it will serve 18 months of probation.

Randy Griffin, 35, of Algonac, told police that he swallowed the gem to hide it on Dec. 29 at the Jewelry Exchange in Roseville. Police say Griffin entered the store with two fake stones, intending to switch them for real diamonds.

While in custody, Griffin passed a one-carat diamond valued at $5,800.

"Think about your behavior," Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Pat Donofrio told Griffin at Monday's sentencing.

Fire kills 8,500 young turkeys

SOLSBERRY, Ind. (AP) - A weekend fire at a Greene County turkey farm destroyed a barn and killed about 8,500 young turkeys that had been delivered only the day before.

The fire, which started around 6:30 a.m. Saturday, destroyed the barn at Windy Ridge Farm in less than an hour, authorities said.

"We're devastated trying to deal with this," said Jill Winkel, who owns and operates the turkey operation with her husband, Jack.

The Winkels are full-time turkey producers who have raised birds for Maryland-based Perdue Farms since 1990. The barn, a brooder house for young turkeys, called poults, was insured.

Center Township Fire Chief Donnie Johnson said an investigation by the state fire marshal's office determined that an electrical malfunction may have caused the fire at the farm about 15 miles southwest of Bloomington.

On Monday, all that remained of the steel-frame turkey barn were several charred trusses and burned-out pieces of equipment.

Two nearby "grow-out" barns, where turkeys are fattened until they are ready for market, were untouched by the fire. Another 12,000 turkeys are in those barns, Jill Winkel said.

Man sentenced to life for molesting girl he baby-sat

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) - A St. Charles County man has been sentenced to life in prison plus 20 years for molesting a girl he baby-sat.

Thomas Kowalskey, 44, of O'Fallon, was sentenced Monday after a jury found him guilty of molesting the girl on four occasions in 1999 and 2000, when she was 8 and 9 years old.

St. Charles County Circuit Court Judge Nancy Schneider gave Kowalskey the maximum sentence on each count: consecutive life sentences on each of four counts of statutory sodomy and concurrent 20-year sentences on each of the two molestation charges.

Kowalskey had pleaded guilty in 1994 in Virginia to aggravated sexual battery charges involving two girls and served some prison time before moving to the St. Charles area.

Kowalskey befriended the girl's father through work and soon offered to baby-sit for the family, authorities said.

Driver swerves to miss deer, spends 15 hours in ditch

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - A driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer and ended up trapped in his car in a deep ditch for 15 hours.

Donald Ray McSweeney, 63, broke his hip in the accident late Friday and was unable to crawl out of the car, which was hidden by vegetation.

His cell phone was not charged and the accident disabled his car horn. So McSweeney whistled and yelled for help.

Jim Thompson and a friend heard the whistle as they drove past the area Saturday afternoon. He slowed down, but didn't see anything. Bothered by the sound, he returned an hour later and saw the tire tracks leading to the ditch.

"Then we saw the car and him," Thompson said. "The car was really smashed up. I don't know how he survived."

McSweeney was hospitalized and doing fine after hip surgery Monday, said his son, Don Jr.

Terrorist alert details to be posted on internet

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - Details of terrorist alerts issued nationally will be posted on the state's Internet site, according to Deb Bowman, the state's homeland security coordinator.

The Web site will provide information on contingencies related to terrorist strikes and public safety, she said.

Federal officials plan to use a new color-coding system to help identify levels of terrorist threats. Bowman said the state Web page will use background colors to match the threat level and explain the significance.

Iowa city officials attempt to block all-night dance club

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - City officials are looking for a way to block an all-night dance club before it is scheduled to open.

Club A.M., where patrons would bring their own alcohol, is planned as a members-only club that skirts Des Moines' 60-year-old ordinance against dancing after 2 a.m. Patrons must purchase a membership and bring their own beer or wine.

"I think it's going to be the biggest thing to hit the city of Des Moines since the hula hoop," said Club A.M. owner Larry Smithson.

The private club is to open May 3 in downtown Des Moines.

Lawyers for the city say they will review ordinances and search law books to determine whether they have a means to prohibit Club A.M.'s operation.

The ordinance banning dancing applies to public dancing after 2 a.m. Bars and clubs in Iowa must close at 2 a.m. Smithson's club will be private and will operate without an alcohol license. Membership will cost $25 annually—plus a $10 cover charge for each visit.

INTERNATIONAL

Clergy included in arrests for child pornography ring

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI says it expects to arrest at least 50 more people by week's end as it breaks up an Internet child-pornography ring that allegedly included two Catholic priests, six other members of the clergy, a school bus driver and a civilian law enforcement employee.

The agency said Monday its "Operation Candyman" sweep already had resulted in criminal charges against more than 89 people in 26 states. The effort targeted members of three Internet discussion groups on Yahoo Inc.'s Web site, including one called "Candyman," apparently named after a song in the 1971 children's movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.*

"I'd like to see one sweep a day," said Bruce J. Gebhardt, FBI executive assistant director for criminal investigations and cyber-crime. "We want to keep the pressure up on all these people."

All three Internet groups have been shut down. Investigators declined to identify the other two groups by name, saying it might interfere with efforts to trace suspects through their e-mail addresses. They said 7,000 people worldwide registered e-mail addresses with the Candyman group, and authorities were able to trace 1,400 people in the United States through those addresses.

Local police arrested two people in Minnesota before Monday in connection with "Operation Candyman." They included the former city administrator for Bayport, Kenneth Hartung, who resigned after he was arrested last November and charged with possession of child pornography.

Authorities also executed "several" federal search warrants in Minnesota on Monday, said Paul McCabe, spokesman for the Minneapolis FBI office. McCabe said those searches were conducted in both the Twin Cities metro area and in outstate Minnesota. He said he couldn't provide further details because the investigation is continuing.

But police in La Crescent said they searched a residence Monday and seized "numerous items." Investigator Scott Yeiter said most of them were turned over to the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for analysis, and charges will be filed against the suspect if they're deemed warranted.

"A new marketplace for child pornography has opened in the dark corners of cyberspace," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday in announcing the investigation. "There will be no free rides on the Internet for those who traffic in child pornography."

Gebhardt said Yahoo executives cooperated with FBI requests for information about the subscribers to the discussion groups. But Gebhardt declined to say whether he believed Yahoo should have monitored its discussion groups to prevent them from operating as open exchanges for child pornography.

Organizers of the Candyman group described it online as "for people who love kids. You can post any type of messages you like, too, or any type of pics and vids you like, too. P.S. If we all work together we will have the best group on the Net."

Mike Heimbach, head of the FBI's child crime unit, described the images exchanged on the Candyman group as "very explicit" and "hard-core."

FBI officials in Washington declined to identify by name any of those arrested or charged, except to list the occupations of some they described as "significant perpetrators" because they held jobs where they might spend time with children.

The officials said those people included a Catholic priest in the St. Louis area; a school bus driver in Albany, N.Y.; a preschool teacher's aide in Las Vegas; a child photographer and an unspecified clergy member in Philadelphia; and a person the FBI described as a civilian law enforcement employee in West Virginia. That person has not been arrested, FBI Special Agent Bill Crowley said, declining to provide further details.

The FBI did not further identify the denominations of the non-Catholic clergy members implicated in the sweep.

In Las Vegas, authorities said Beckham Baker, 23, was indicted Feb. 6 on one charge of receiving child pornography and one charge of possession of child pornography. Baker, who worked in a southern Nevada day care center, is free pending his next court appearance.

FBI Special Agent Gayle Jacobs said authorities moved quickly to arrest Baker because of his job. "Obviously, he needed to be removed from working with children," she said.

Reached by telephone Monday at his Las Vegas apartment, Baker said he was seeking to hire a lawyer and declined to comment further.

The school bus driver in New York was identified as Shannon Timothy Macauley, 36, of Constable, N.Y. Macauley was charged by state police in November and December with sodomizing five boys. Another arrest in New York was of John J. Schmidt Jr., 51, of Dolgeville, N.Y. Schmidt, an elementary school teacher, was charged in November with receiving child pornography on his home computer from Internet sites.

Schmidt pleaded innocent. His attorney, Frank Policelli, said he couldn't comment on evidence he still hasn't seen.

Men held for 'subversive association' deny charges

ROME (AP) - A Rome court has refused to free six men arrested here for allegedly trying to provide weapons and logistical support for terror operations, a defense lawyer said Tuesday.

The six men—a Pakistani believed to have headed the group, three Iraqis, an Algerian and a Tunisian—were picked up in a series of raids in the capital on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Defense attorney Manuela Lupo said the decision to keep them behind bars was made Monday evening by a three-judge panel.

Lupo, who is a lawyer for the three Iraqis, said the court has rejected the defense's argument that there was not enough evidence to keep the men in custody.

The six men are all charged with "subversive association," and are suspected of trying to obtain weapons and explosives and setting up a logistical base for terror attacks.

Authorities have seized videocassettes, political pamphlets, as well as names and telephone numbers that they say implicate the suspects in extremist Islamist groups. However, police did not find any weapons during their raids.

According to a partial transcript obtained by The Associated Press of conversations recorded by Italian police, the suspects discussed guns, bombs and vague ideas for attacks. The conversations, recorded in a bugged mosque and on phone wiretaps, also included a reference to cyanide.

The suspects deny all the charges.

Italy has been on high alert for a terror strike since the Sept. 11 attacks, and concerns intensified last month after the arrest of nine Moroccans suspected of plotting a chemical attack on the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Four of them were found in possession of a cyanide-based compound and maps highlighting the capital's water supply system and the embassy.

Last month, a court in Milan handed down the first convictions in Europe linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network since Sept. 11, sentencing a group of four Tunisians to terms as long as five years in prison for helping al-Qaida recruits.

International Briefs

Olympic Airways workers protest possible sale

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Workers at Greece's ailing state-run Olympic Airways will hold a three-hour strike to protest plans to sell the national carrier, their union said Tuesday.

The strike Wednesday will take place from noon until 3:00 p.m., and is expected to cause delays in some domestic and international flights.

The government last month failed to find a buyer for Olympic and announced a rescue plan that includes shedding 2,000 jobs, and dividing the airline into smaller companies in an effort to make them more attractive to potential buyers.

The European Commission earlier this month launched an investigation into whether Olympic had received an illegal loan, a step which could push the airline into bankruptcy should any wrongdoing be discovered.

State Department warns against traveling to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - The U.S. State Department has warned Americans to defer traveling to Pakistan, where two Americans were among those killed in a grenade attack inside an Islamabad church last weekend.

"The March 17 attack on worshippers at a church service in Islamabad underscores the possibility that terrorists may seek civilian targets," the travel warning said.

The department said Americans were being targeted for kidnappings or faced other terrorist threats. U.S. citizens living in or visiting Pakistan should exercise maximum caution and avoid crowds, demonstrations and areas where Americans are known to congregate.

On Sunday, the State Department issued a worldwide caution to Americans, warning that it continues to receive credible reports that extremists are planning additional terrorist actions against U.S. interests.

The announcement was issued shortly after unidentified assailants hurled grenades into the Protestant International Church in Islamabad near the U.S. Embassy. The wife of a U.S. diplomat and her daughter were among the five people killed.

Dozens were injured.

The deaths of the two Americans came weeks after Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and murdered in Pakistan.

Express rail service to start April 19

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - An express rail service between Malaysia's international airport and downtown Kuala Lumpur will start April 19, the operating company announced Tuesday.

The Express Rail Link, which will cover the 57 kilometers (35 miles) between the city and the airport in just less than 30 minutes, would improve access to the air gateway, said Adnan Aminuddin, chief executive officer for operating company ERL Sdn. Bhd.

The $667.4 million (2.5 billion ringgit) project forms part of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's plan to make the ultra-modern airport a transport hub in the region.

The service, costing 35 ringgit ($9.21) for a one-way fare, would travel between the airport and KL Sentral, the city's main train station. Arriving passengers can check their bags through to the railway station, and outgoing passengers would be able to check in at the station, ERL officials said.

Adnan said the service was expected to carry 6,000 passengers a day in the first year, rising to 10,000 passengers a day after that.

According to ERL, revenue from the rail link would reach 80 million ringgit ($21 million) in 2002 and 150 million ringgit ($39 million) from next year.

HEALTH

Anti-smoking classes give students support to quit

By Erin Chittock
Staff Writer

Are you or someone you love addicted to smoking? Do you want to do something about it?

If you want to quit but don't know how, an anti-smoking class will be offered every Tuesday from March 19 to April 16 from 11:45 to 12:30 pm. in the Health Center lounge, across the hall from the counseling office.

"This issue is something that needs to be addressed. Smoking is not only a physical health issue, but a psychological health issue as well, especially when someone wants to quit and can't," said Barbara Quincy, college counselor. "Students need to discover why they smoke and what keeps them from quitting."

The meetings won't focus primarily on the health risks. They are designed to give the students the support and accountability they need in order to quit. The students will set a quit date and discuss the gains and the pains they should expect in the process. They will also talk about what triggers their habit and learn how to cope with loss. "Quitting smoking is like saying goodbye to an old friend," Quincy said.

Allison McCormick, senior business major, knows this story all too well. "I didn't want to be a smoker for life," McCormick said. "When I got addicted my freshman year, I always said I would quit when I graduated. I tried to quit several times, but nothing ever worked." Graduation is around the corner, and McCormick said she wants to quit for good this time.

Courtney Hamilton, junior business administration major, is not a chain smoker but has several friends who are. "I think that an anti-smoking class will be beneficial because there are many people on campus who smoke. The class might introduce smokers to different options available on campus and in the market to help them to quit smoking," Hamilton said.

Judith Duda, a registered nurse and Health Center director, said that quite a few students are smokers.

"I am concerned with the smoking on campus," Duda said. "I don't think that many people realize the extent of the long-term effects of smoking."

Seventeen people have registered for the class. Students interested in taking the class can contact Quincy at EXT. x7340. Reading material and other resources are available at the Health Center for students who cannot attend the classes.

Highly contagious ringworm can be prevented

By Amy Bridge
Staff Writer

Ringworm has affected several students this year, and although it is highly contagious, it can be prevented.

Ringworm is caused by fungi spores called dermatophytes that feed on dead skin cells and hair. People can contract the infection from direct contact with an infected person or animal, contact with a contaminated object or from soil.

"In my experience, the most frequent source of contracting ringworm is from animals, because they carry it easier and are generally not treated," Health Center Director Judy Duda said.

The infection appears as a round, red lesion with a ring of scales around the edges and recovering skin in the center. Ringworm can affect any part of the body but most commonly the scalp, groin, nails and feet. The fungi causing ringworm in nails and feet live only in humans. The infected area may be dry and scaly or moist and crusted, and it usually itches and burns.

Ringworm infections are treated with antifungal creams and lotions. "The cream should continue to be applied even after the rash is gone," Duda said. The infection should also be covered at all times to avoid spreading it. "As long as it's covered, athletes can still participate in their sports," Duda said.

Ringworm is contagious even before symptoms appear. "Ringworm is generally associated with 'dirty' people, but this is not the case. Anyone can catch it," Duda said.

Sharing personal items such as hats, hairbrushes, combs, sheets, stuffed animals and telephones increases the chances of contracting ringworm. It can also be caught from locker rooms, gym equipment and showers.

"The chances of contracting ringworm from a shower are remote, especially if the shower is routinely cleaned" Duda said.

An anonymous freshman describes her experience with ringworm. "I got it from a wrestler I was dating in high school, and it was awful. I felt marked, like everyone was looking at me. It was really itchy and uncomfortable, and I couldn't wait until it went away."

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CAR SAFETY

Common sense is the key to car safety on campus

By Phil Falcocchio
Staff Writer

Crime in New Wilmington is minimal. According to the safety and security page on the college's web site, the New Wilmington Police Department has primary jurisdictional authority over the campus, aside from the borough. The state police also share this authority, and the college employs a full-time 24-hour security staff to deal with any other forms of campus delinquency.

The college's security log reveals that students have reported minor acts of crime such as broken mirrors and windshields and stolen bug visors. Tires were slashed on 11 cars one evening last April. In the past year, car stereos and speakers were stolen from four different vehicles.

There have been no trends in automobile crime. "In terms of vehicles, there is absolutely no notably safe or unsafe area on the campus," Lechner said. He added that the additions of new, higher-powered lights in several areas across the campus are improving safety.

Professor Carolyn Cuff uses standard safety procedure for her automobile. "When the item of greatest value in the car is the duct tape that is holding it together, I just lock the car," she said. "Other times, I walk to work."

"I park my car at the top of the slanted lot between Russell Hall and the field house. There's limited chance for an accident, and you can just slide down the hill gracefully if it happens to snow," freshman Rick Straw said.

Dean Lechner offered some tips to keep vehicles safe. He advises that everyone lock their doors, especially if locking them will activate an anti-theft device. If valuables are stored in the car, he suggests the owner hide them in the trunk. If the stereo has a removable faceplate, it should be removed.

"Students and faculty are pressed for time, and sometimes locking the car isn't the number-one priority," he said. "They think that since they are at Westminster College in New Wilmington, that they have nothing to fear, and then they are the ones to become victimized."

Monthly maintenance can prolong the life of cars

By Lauren Annibale
Staff Writer

Car maintenance is essential to a vehicle's safety, economy and reliability. For college students who may be traveling long distances to and from home, upkeep is especially important.

At least once a month, car owners should check their tires, including the spare, for wear, damage or low air pressure. Low pressure can increase fuel consumption and impair vehicle handling.

Drivers should clean their wiper blades and windows regularly to prevent streaking. Winterized washer fluid is helpful during the cold weather.

Car owners should also check the interior and exterior lighting systems. Bob Pitzer, Jr., owner of Pitzer's Texaco in New Wilmington, suggests that owners do this almost every time they drive their cars. "If tail or headlights are not working, then accidents are more likely to occur," Pitzer said.

The engine oil pressure light comes on every time the car is started, so it can be checked conveniently.

Correct brake fluid level is important for the brakes to function properly. The car owner or dealer should change the fluid regularly to avoid brake failure.

The car owner should check the coolant level frequently. "The engine can overheat and be ruined if the coolant level gets too low," Pitzer said.

"A lot of people used to have these things checked on their cars by the fueling station personnel when getting fuel," said Larry Wagner, co-owner of Ed & Jerry's NAPA Auto Care Service in New Wilmington.

Few places offer these services now, so maintenance is the driver's responsibility.

Car owner Rachel Mondale has a 90-minute drive to and from her hometown of Apollo, Pa. "I check my oil, basically so I don't break down," she said.

Drivers should take their cars to the dealer for required service and should keep records of this service. Car companies can void warranties if improper maintenance causes damage.

"The two main benefits of checking your car would be for safety and economy, to not damage your engine," Pitzer said.

Photo by Kristin Park
Checking the oil in your car is important before long trips.

Would you be prepared if your car broke down on the highway?

What to do when stuck on the roadside

By Nancy Wicks
Staff Writer

Drivers should keep some basic items in their cars in case of emergency. These items include a flashlight, blanket, battery operated radio, water, non-perishable foods, and a white cloth that can be tied to the car antenna or door handle to indicate distress.

The American Automobile Association provides roadside service to its members. "If I would break down, I would just call AAA on my cell phone," said Sean Kelly, head baseball coach. "If my wife were to break down in the car, she would call me. I would go to help or just call for a tow truck. The key is to have access to a cell phone."

"My cell phone is not charged, so it is useless. I would wait and hopefully someone would be nice to stop and help me," sophomore Tara Neely said. "But I don't have patience, so I would probably just start walking to get help."

Senior Scott Hoffman said he would do the same. "I have a cell phone, so I would keep calling until I got someone at home to come and get me," Hoffman said. "If I could not find anyone, I would walk to the next exit."

While waiting, run the car in short intervals, and keep the windows cracked to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

"I'm not a mechanic, so I probably would not be able to fix the problem," senior Scott Hauser said. "I have no cell phone, so I would open the hood of the car and try to look pathetic and someone would stop and let me use their cell phone."

Tire changing 101: Could you rid yourself of a flat?

By Alicia Richie
Staff Writer

How many Westminster students do you think it takes to change a tire? Surprisingly enough, it only takes one.

Junior Monica Asher outshined her brother on their way home from a Cleveland Indians baseball game. "My brother sat in the car, while I went out to change the tire," she said.

The first thing she did was put the jack in the middle of the car, so it would be balanced. Then she jacked up the car and removed the lug nuts. After they were removed, she took off the flat tire and put on the new one. When she went to retighten the lug nuts, she actually broke one of them because it was rusted. Instead of trying to find a new one, she and her brother drove home without one.

Other students have been given the chance to hone their auto mechanic skills. "When I got my flat tire, my dad told me to call some big frat boys to help me," sophomore Sarah Martin said. "I told him I was fully capable of changing a tire myself."

"I saw a woman on the side of the road with a flat tire," junior Ian Willard said. "I stopped and offered to change it for her."

Not all students feel they are capable of changing a tire. Luckily, cell phones enable distressed motorists reach help. "If I got a flat tire, I would have no idea how to change it. I would probably call up my dad from my cell phone and he would come and change it," sophomore Megan Welty said.

Sophomore Rachel Mondale has never had to change a tire. "I pray that it doesn't happen because I don't know how," she said.

Sophomore Nicole Denk said it's important for everyone to know the basics of car repair, because anyone can have a problem. "If you choose to drive, you should know the primary precautions to take in emergencies and know how things work," she said. "I know everything that I would need is in the back of the truck. I personally don't know how to change a tire, but I could try."

Adults should wear seatbelts to set example for kids

By Kristen Nicklin
Staff Writer

A recent study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that each year, motor vehicle accidents kill more children than any disease or other type of accident.

For this reason, the National Safety Council is advocating mandatory seat belt laws. Under the current system in many states, a driver can only be cited for a seat belt infraction if he or she is pulled over for another traffic offense. This is referred to as a secondary enforcement law. This law, however, has not been effective enough.

More than 14 states have adopted primary enforcement seat belt laws. This means that if a driver or passenger is not wearing a seat belt, that car can be pulled over simply for that reason. Government officials are trying to convince more states to pass these laws. Fatality rates in states with primary enforcement laws have dropped 20 percent compared to only an 8 percent reduction in states with secondary laws.

Adults should use seatbelts to set an example for children. Research by the Traffic Safety Administration has shown that when drivers wear seat belts, 87 percent of the children in these cars will be buckled. However, when the driver does not use seat belts, only 24 percent of children in these cars use safety restraints.

"More than half of [these] children would be alive today if an adult would have simply taken a few seconds to simply ensure that they were wearing seat belts and buckled in their child seats," Ricardo Martinez, director of the traffic safety administration, said.

In the past, television commercials featured crash test dummies, humorous, amusing characters, to spread the word about seat belt usage. However, this is not how authorities want to portray the situation.

Recently, realistic commercials have been aired which depict rather gruesome accidents in which unbuckled drivers are injured.

Citizens need to be aware of the consequences of not wearing a safety belt. If involved in an accident while not wearing a belt, the chances of being injured or killed are much higher.

"Putting a seat belt on is not that hard, especially if it means saving lives," freshman Jill Dobi said.

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SPORTS

Lady Titan softball begins season

Photo by Kristin Park

The softball team hopes to qualify for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference this season.

By Jennifer Mossor
Staff Writer

The 2001-2002 Lady Titan softball team begins this season with big goals and a winning attitude. The 16 Lady Titans devote themselves to the sport with enthusiasm.

The team is a balanced mix of upperclassmen and freshmen players. Senior starters include outfielder/third baseman Monica Dunn, second baseman Renee Tappe, and outfielders Katie Horgan and Kristie Perrotte. These women are just four of the team's nine returning letter winners. Along with their experienced teammates, the six freshmen hope to make an impact on the playing field.

Co-captain Renee Tappe said she is confident that this year's team has what it takes. "We lost a couple of key players, but with the returning players and the freshmen that we have, we should be able to compete with any team in our section," she said.

Both coach Jan Reddinger and her team agree that solid defense is the key to winning this season's games. According to Coach Reddinger, an important component of the Lady Titans this year is teamwork. "The largest strength is the team's unity. The girls get along really well. They are hardworking and have good leadership," she said.

For freshman Heidi Kimmel, the softball team has given her a sense of belonging. "The girls have really taken us (freshmen) in--we're all treated as equals. We're all just having a lot of fun," she said.

The ultimate goal of the team is to qualify for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The ECAC is a tournament for Division II teams, and the Lady Titans are in the process of becoming a Division III team. This presents a challenge for the Lady Titans, and they will be up against some tough teams this year. The competition is fierce, and Reddinger said it is a challenge just to qualify.

The team members went to the ECAC for the first time last season--just one of their numerous accomplishments. They also broke their own record of 29 wins with a 32-13 overall mark, which included an undefeated record (10-0) in the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

The players spent their spring break in Orlando, Fla. at the Rebel Spring Games. The Lady Titans kicked off their season with a doubleheader at Mount Union on March 20 at 3 p.m.. The team's first home game will be held against Allegheny on April 2 at 3 p.m.

Men's tennis team sweeps Heidelberg

By Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

The men's Titan tennis team kicked off its season with a trip to Hilton Head, S.C. during Spring Break.

The team, coached by D. Scott Renninger, played Baldwin-Wallace, Heidelberg, Salve Regina and Green Mountain during its six-day trip to South Carolina. The team went 1-3, sweeping Heidelberg 9-0 in their second match of the trip.

Renninger said the trip was a good way to start the season. "Our goal is to be consistent and to get better as we go."

Renninger added that the team won every match it could have won last year and would like to improve on that record. "We're trying to raise our level of play to compete with them [Grove City and the rest of the PAC]," he said.

The team is led by senior, two-time MVP and one-time PAC Coaches Honors recipient Charles Correll, who wants to improve those marks in his final collegiate campaign.

"I think that we should compete with every team we play this year and be in a position to win every time we play. We have some young guys who can play, the toughest match we should have in the PAC would be against Grove City," he said.

Correll is joined by fellow senior returning lettermen Rodolfo Sant 'Anna, Dale Bish and sophomore John Libert. Other returning players include junior Chris Wilson and sophomores Rob Chandler and Matt McCall. Junior Ryan Quallich and freshmen Mark Gross, Corey Sacca, Sammy Seo and Garry Gates all join the squad for their first time.

Renninger tentatively plans to rotate the three starting freshmen to give them a challenge competing against the number two man.

The singles starting line up will tentatively be as follows (rotating Gross, Sacca and Seo): Correll, Gross, Sacca, Seo, Sant 'Anna, Quallich, Libert, Bish, Wilson and McCall.

The doubles lineup will tentatively feature Correll and Gross, Sacca and Seo, and Libert and Sant 'Anna/Quallich.

Their next match is at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Mount Union.

Sophomore breaks 200-meter track record

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

Sophomore Matt Steve broke the 200-meter track record by over a second on Feb. 16.

The Westminster record was 24.26 seconds, and Steve's time was 23.18 seconds.

Both Division I and Division II runners were at the meet. "There were a lot of schools there and a lot of great athletes," Steve said. Steve said he is sure the competition helped him break the record.

"The faster the kids you run against are, the better you do," Steve said.

Names of all record breakers are posted in the field house lobby, and Steve's name is already up there. "It was pretty neat getting to see your name up there," Steve said.

Steve Scott, a sophomore track member, wasn't surprised when his team mate broke the record. "We could all tell he was going to do well, he's definitely one of our best runners," Scott said.

Feb. 16 was the last indoor track meet of the season but the outdoor track season starts this Saturday at Clarion University. Westminster will also be able to host meets at their track on campus for the first time in many years.

"It's great having our own track now, it's much better than having to go up the high school all the time and it will help get us in better shape," Steve said. The track team had been using Wilmington High School's track.

Steve also runs the 100-meter race, the 100-meter relay (4x100) and the 400-meter relay (4x400). He is optimistic about the chances for their 4x100 team. "We have a great 4x100 team and we have a good shot at that record."

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Sports Editor

Baseball is a game of patience, concentration and precision. It is a game of time, also, but once again, a new plan has been proposed to speed up the game. The plan is to enforce rules that have been overlooked in the past. For instance, batters must take an extra bat into the on-deck circle and pitchers are only allowed two minutes and 30 seconds for a pitching change. However, rules such as these have been enforced in the past at the beginning of the season, but fade away over the course of the season.

The seven areas being addressed by Major League Baseball have obvious solutions. First, a game averages six pitching changes a night, averaging four minutes each. The solution proposed is for the manager to signal for a right-hander or left-hander before he steps onto the field and then the pitcher has two and a half minutes to change.

Next, pitchers will only be allowed 12 seconds between each pitch, starting from the time the batter is set in the box and the pitcher has stepped on the rubber. Eliminating that batter's timeout to distract the pitcher will solve the problem of the batters stepping in and out of the batter's box. The pitcher can throw a strike if the batter is not in the box. Theme songs for players will only be five to eight seconds long, instead of 25-30 seconds, as they are now.

To solve the problem of broken bats, the batter must have two bats ready, which could save four to six minutes.

The breaks for television commercials will be reduced by having the announcer call the next batter with 25 seconds left in the commercial break, so he will be ready when the coverage resumes. Finally, start times will be guaranteed and pregame ceremonies will be monitored more closely to ensure that.

Last year, American League games averaged two hours and 56 minutes and National League games were approximately two hours and 53 minutes. This year, the proposed plan should shorten the games to two hours and 50 minutes, and two hours and 40 minutes, respectively. The plan is for the shortened games to allow more people to stay for the entire nine innings, instead of following the recent trend of leaving after six or seven innings.

The rules are being made for the sake of the casual fan. True baseball fans who know and love the game are used to sitting in the stands or in front of their televisions for hours, watching America's favorite pastime.

Baseball is not a game that should be rushed. The "pseudo-fan" who can't watch a team for a full nine innings shouldn't be wasting a valuable ticket anyway. Fans should not even leave for blowouts. Last season, when the Cleveland Indians rallied back from a huge deficit against the Seattle Mariners, the stands were mostly empty. People gave up on their team and missed one of the greatest comebacks in baseball history. Baseball doesn't need to be sped up; people need to have more passion and dedication.

Lady Titan golf debut game April 1 at Grove City

By Craig Carlin
Staff Writer

The Lady Titan golf team is preparing for its inaugural season, which begins on April 1 at the Grove City Invitational.

Head coach Deborah Behr is an avid golfer and a 1978 Westminster graduate. "I expect within five years for Westminster to have the number one golf team in the PAC," she said.

After recruitment in the spring of 2001, seven women joined the team, including one freshman, Katie Etzel of Pittsburgh. "Since I'm a freshman it's cool to be involved in that," she said. "I just want to have fun, get along with my teammates and be successful as a team."

"All the women on the team are enthusiastic about beginning the season," Behr said. "They are a wonderful bunch of girls. They attend all practices and are anxious to get started with competition. These girls need experience."

"I want to try and improve my game and have a good time," sophomore golfer Megan Welty said.

The community supports the golf program. "We have backing from the athletic department, we have backing from the college and we have backing from alumni," Behr said. "Golf is a game you can play for the rest of your life. One word that describes this team is 'young.' We have a young golf team and program."

The Lady Titans will play in the Westminster College M.L. Cleland Eckles Invitational at New Castle Country Club at 1 p.m. April 15.

Photo by Kristin Park

The Lady Titans will play near home in New Castle on April 15.

Titan baseball team ready to break old records

By B.G. Davison
Staff Writer

Now that spring break is over, the semester has entered the home stretch to summer vacation. The members of the Titan baseball team, however, are not ready to go out just yet. After traveling to Fort Pierce, Fla. last week, the Titans are about to embark on the rest of their 39-game schedule that ends May 5.

The baseball team boasts some of the region's top players, and is led by only six juniors. The members all work together, and rely strongly on team chemistry. "This team's chemistry is like a fresh garden salad, we are all colorful and different, but when we are put together, we look as if we were a piece of art," junior first baseman/pitcher Matthew Pournaras said.

The team's pitching arsenal is led by returning two-year letterman Kevin Culp. Other leading pitchers include Patrick Boyle, the President's Athletic Conference strike out champion, and Pournaras, the earned run average leader. Sophomores Craig Rechichar and John Greene are also returning to the pitching staff, along with an array of freshman players.

The position of catcher is occupied by former pitcher Benjamin Yeckel. After an off-season injury to his shoulder, Yeckel will not be on the mound anymore, but his team is confident in his ability of calling pitches for his staff.

Photo by Craig Carlin

The baseball team spent Spring Break in Fort Pierce, Fla.

The infield will consist of all returning lettermen. "Other teams come to our field and you can tell that they are nervous when they see the condition of it. This is an advantage of ours. This is a place we call home," said sophomore second baseman Brian Goettler.

The outfield positions will be filled by various players throughout the season.

"It's easy on me when I am on the mound because I know that any of the outfielders can make a big play at anytime," said freshman pitcher Bryan Hilbert. "Also, it's very comforting to know that my centerfielder, William Davison, can throw anyone out at the plate to save me a run."

The Titan baseball team and coaching staff are hoping to return to the East Coast Athletic Conference Tournament. They said that last year's 18-12-1 record was not sufficient, and plan to break the school record of 28 wins in the upcoming season.

Spring break baseball report

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

While many students were indulging in Spring Break debauchery, the baseball team spent the break representing the college in a series of games held in Fort Pierce, Fla.

After a rocky start, with two losses to Delaware Valley College, the Titans bounced back to win three games in a row, a single defeat of Manhattanville College and a double-headed mauling of Northwestern College, Minn.

Upon returning home, the team split a double-header with PAC rival Thiel and are currently 5-3 on the season.

This Week in Sports

Friday, 3/22/02
SB at Shippensburg Invitational

Saturday, 3/23/02
SB at Shippensburg Invitational
TF at Clarion Early Bird Invitational - 11 a.m.
MT VS. MOUNT UNION - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 3/24/02
BB at Hiram (2) - 1 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"If you think the girls on this campus are crazy, you ain't seen nothing yet."

"The names of the dorms are too hard to pronounce. Who would have a name like Galbreath?"

"Finally some girls to dominate the balls scene of golf."

"The music was so loud in the dining hall, I couldn't have any conversation with my friends."

"I never knew there were so many different things you could do with the letter "N" until I logged onto Groupwise."

"Wouldn't it be nice if the voice mail lady had a southern drawl and sympathetic voice when there are 'no new messages?'"

"Can we get full sized shower curtains in Ferguson? I like hanging out with my friends, but not in front of them."

"Maybe the pad dispensers in the bathrooms should actually have pads in them."

"What's up with the weather? When I woke up this morning and it was bright and sunny, then suddenly I'm in class and I'm in the middle of a blizzard."

"The chicken ceasar sandwich is awesome."

"What's the point of sidewalks on this campus if nobody uses them?"

"Do I have to get almost hit by a car everytime I go to the mailroom?

"Why is the grilled chicken sandwich in the TUB always 90 percent fat? Have they been getting a discount on grade D meats?"

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Campus unity

Diversity, unity, what's it all about? Every day we acknowledge the fact that our campus is trying to diversify. We are trying to attract minorities and not discriminate against them.

We are trying to bring culture to the campus by serving diffent types of ethnic foods and bring people of every race and religion to the campus to speak.

We are diversifying the campus, but we speak so much about diversity that sometimes we forget about unity.

What are we talking about? We're talking about Westminster pride--a campus so unified we go out to support the sports teams, are happy when the college appears in a good news story and have campus-wide activities people can feel proud to attend.

Westminster boasts many student organizations. We have a little something for everyone, which is necessary in order to bring us opportunity. These organizations give us the opportunity to make new friends, get involved and find our place in the world, but maybe too much emphasis is placed on them sometimes.

Not only do we have every type of group imaginable, but we have the groups wanting to do everything together. This means being in the same organizations, being in the same classes and now, living together.

This year, a residence hall was devoted to helping people look inside themselves and see who they really are. Next year, there is to be a hall devoted to education majors.

While this may be good for some people, isn't it at the same time shutting other people out?

> I respect you're different from me, but I'm going to have nothing to do with you. I'm going to sit in my hall with people exactly like me.

Such intense focus on diversity without attention to unity is causing our campus to become segregated in a variety of ways.

It is more or less like saying, "I respect you're different from me, but I'm going to have nothing to do with you. I'm going to sit in my hall with people exactly like me." Can you see the harm in that?

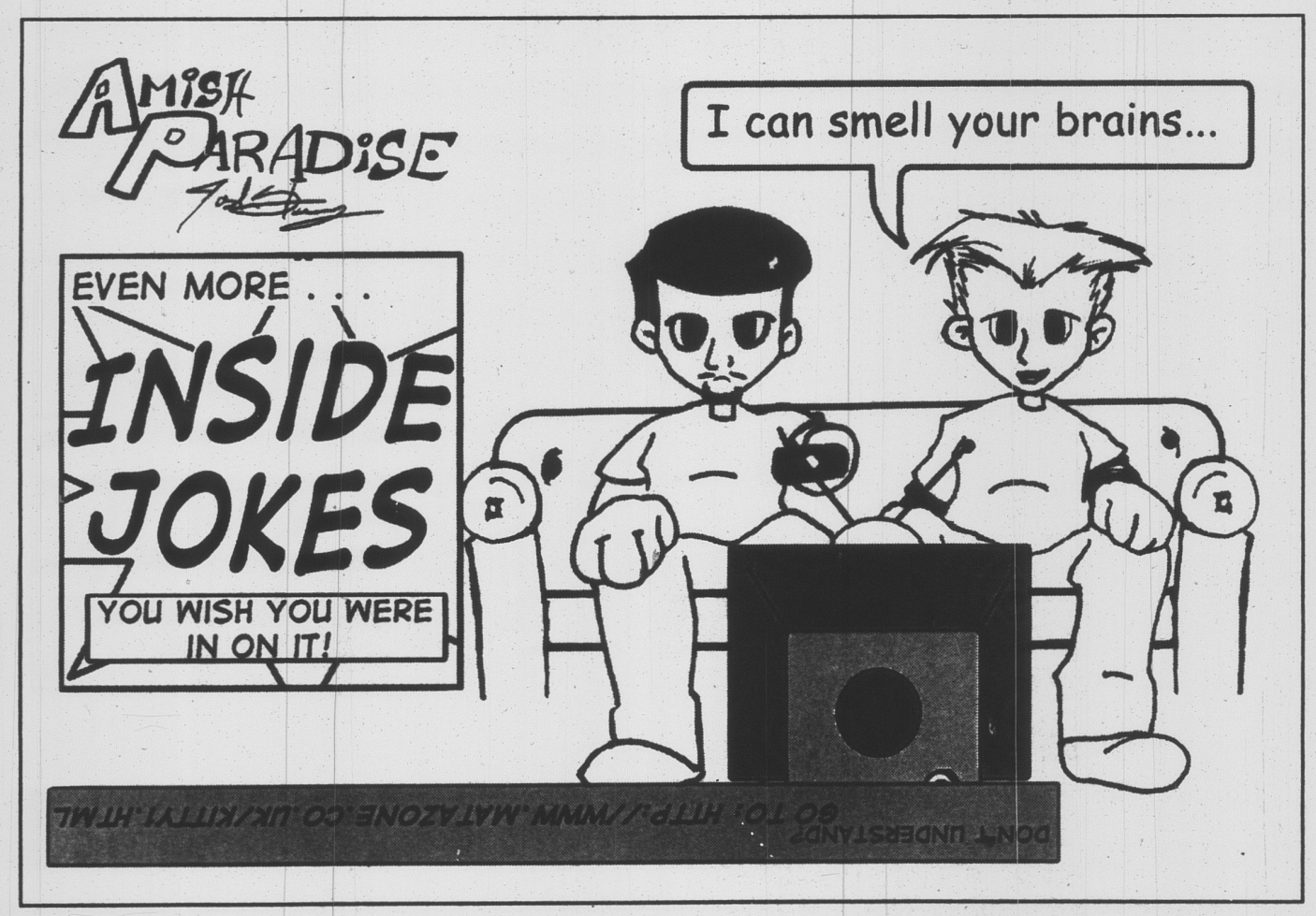
Slowly people will forget that diversity exists when people of the same kind are shoved together.

In the "real world" you do not get to choose where you will live because of who else lives there. In the "real world" you don't get to choose your neighbors and they don't get to choose you. Shouldn't we be learning that lesson here?

Perhaps this could even extend to fraternity houses and the all-sorority dorm, Ferguson. While it is fun to live with all of your friends, brothers and sisters, perhaps it is not the best arrangement.

A better idea than all these segregated halls and houses we mentioned would be to offer on-campus apartments without RAs and RDs. This way people would get an idea of what living in the real world will be like. They could control who shared a kitchen with them, but would not be able to dictate who lived next door.

While this will probably never happen, students can make a change themselves by living on halls and in buildings that are open to everyone. This way, students may learn more about other beliefs, ideas and opinions that they may not find in their already pre-established groups.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform the campus community of a problem that I have noticed, "Nostrilitis." How many of you notice when you glance across campus you see the underside of so many peoples' noses? It is not as if we are a shorter people, it is the fact that these people suffer from this disease. I hope that this does not hit to close to home for anyone.

You may have "Nostrilitis" if:

1) You belong to an organization in which enables you to buy friends
2) You think you are better than everyone else
3) You think that you are above the rules
4) You have more money than you know what to do with
5) You think state schools are inferior
6) You think Westminster is paradise

This may seem to be offensive to some; however, this is only my own opinion on what I see and hear from others here at WC.

For those of you who have never attended another college outside of "the bubble" you would find that immature clichés, scores of rumors, and just plain ignorance were things of the past a.k.a. high school. I found this to be true at Penn State, Pitt, and CCAC. At these schools, unlike here, no one had anything to prove. They went to school to get an education, not to flaunt their social status. Being an average person from the Mon Valley, I certainly do not belong up here with all of thee elite. Perhaps I should have stayed at one of my pervious schools, however I thought I would better myself by attending a Christian school. Christian school? Westminster? Is it really?

I suppose "Nostrilitis" is just another part of the "Westminster Experience" that I will forever hold near and dear to my heart. Other parts of the "Westminster Experience" may include, but not be limited to: A roommate that is "not obligated to talk to you", no parking, that sewage smell, The Network Westminster, parking tickets, parking tickets, parking tickets, Chicken Teriyaki Stir Fry, Shrimp Scampi with Angel Hair Pasta, somebody else's cause, parking tickets, intractability, arrogance, and much much more.

I know of no cure for this disease or the other problems, but if you don't want to catch it go home as often as possible. If you reside directly West of PA's border, the cure may be nonexistent.

Sincerely,

Bill Jester

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to what has become one of the biggest gossip topics this semester, the new handicap-accessible doors. The new button-activated doors have been installed in many of the campus buildings, and everyone seems to talk and/or complain about them. Many people use the opening button feature on the doors. It saves the trouble of pulling open the stubborn automatic doors and really helps to keep the doors from slamming shut on the person behind you, which often occurs.

So why not use the handicap buttons? They are there, save you opening the door, and of course it is fun to push buttons. I use them myself. There are certainly better things on campus to gripe about, so just stop worrying about them.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lauffer

We will not be publishing a paper next week.

The next paper will be published April 5.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

The Oscar Buzz...

Brad Dell

My darlings ... it seems like it has been so long since I've been with you. It was when Brit the flit graced the screen that my words last graced this newspaper. And lo, what a tremendous week to be back. With film fanatics' Christmas only three days away, I am giddy with anticipation.

That's right, the 74th Academy Awards will be presented this Sunday evening. Therefore, this week I depart from my usual wittily written reviews of the most recent releases in an effort to catch up on some Oscar hopefuls and provide you with the most astute Oscar predictions.

I begin with a trip to *Gosford Park*, one of the five best picture nominees. This word-heavy period Brit-flick (That's Britain, not Britney) has the delightful distinction of epitomizing the term "ensemble acting." Though populated with many leading lads and ladies, there is no lead role. Instead, the film features a group of brilliant actors "playing" with one another for a couple of hours.

The story takes place on a large British country estate where the lord of the house has invited a collection of his closest snobby and wealthy friends and relations to a weekend shooting party. All is well until the head of the house is stabbed and poisoned. The film almost makes a parody of the murder, with no one but his mistress upset to see him go. The most fascinating aspect of the film is the way that it illustrates the relationships (some saucy, some sexy, some abusive) between the serving people and the elite.

Robert Altman cunningly keeps the action moving throughout the house with conversations coming in and out of focus swiftly and directly. The cast is led by delightful performances of Oscar nominees Hellen Miren and Maggie Smith, as well as Emily Watson, Camilla Rutherford and the gorgeous Ryan Phillippe. Although it was hard to understand at times and lost its pace after the murder, *Gosford Park* is a fun film for anyone who enjoys period comedy. I give it three very uptight and snooty stars.

And now, what you've all been waiting for ... Bradly's Oscar predictions. Drum roll please.

Best Picture: I predict *A Beautiful Mind* will win the big prize. It's the most Oscar-friendly film of the year ... not an indie like *In the Bedroom*, a fantasy like *Lord of the Rings*, a dream of glitz and glamour like *Moulin Rouge* or a tiny little Brit-flick like *Gosford Park*. Without a doubt, *Mind* is a beautiful and touching film ... though perhaps a tad sentimental for my tastes. "With love anything is possible ... blah, blah, blah." I would cheer for a *Rouge* upset, but my vote goes to *Lord of the Rings*. For a movie to make you say "Wow" every five minutes, contain quality acting, and spectacularly adapt one of the best-loved stories of all time, deems it an instant classic worthy of great praise. *Lord of the Rings* is the biggest epic film in 10 years. Unfortunately, I think Academy members, feeling guilty after awarding such a trivial epic (*Gladiator*) last year, will go for the cerebral film and vote for *Mind*.

Best Actor: This is definitely the most interesting race of the bunch. With racial issues and factual questions stirring up a storm of controversy, three of the nominees have been lost in the dust. Will Smith (*Ali*) and Sean Penn (*I Am Sam*) are plagued by stellar roles in average films, and Tom Wilkinson's steamy, subtle performance in *In the Bedroom*, doesn't pack enough Oscar punch for the statue. So, it's left to two pop culture heavy-weights to duke it out for the biggest prize in actor land. In one corner we have the arrogant, loud-mouthed, gladiator from down under, Russel Crowe. And in the other, we have the greatest actor never to win best actor, Denzel Washington. Other than Sidney Poitier in 1966, no black actor has ever won Best Actor, so the push for Denzel is strong from that angle. But is his *Training Day* performance really Oscar-worthy? I think it'd be exciting for Denzel to win his Oscar for a bad guy after so many saintly roles. But I believe that the performance of the year belongs to Crowe. If it weren't for Crowe's Oscar last year for (somebody find me a fork, I'm gonna gag) *Gladiator*, he'd be a lock for the win. But don't be totally shocked if Wilkinson splits the difference.

Best Actress: Sorry Nicole, despite the fact that you played the most demanding role of the year, the Academy members are in no hurry to step down from their high horses and award you. You've been nominated ... consider yourself awarded. Like best actor, this race is a two-woman chase.

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Tyler Domske

It smells like March around here and that spells Oscar season to me. Yes, yes, the grand old Academy Awards are this Sunday (March 24), and it's going to be a doozy of a year.

Now Brad may say some things that seem contrary to my picks, but don't believe him. He's all talk. Even Punxytawnney Phil is only right 33 percent of the time, and he's the most famous prognosticator of them all. (Though he was dead right this year, that doped-up rat).

Well, we have 24 categories to hit, so get the lead out. We'll start with the most exciting one of all:

Best Sound Editing: Now some people would tell you that this category is the most banal, lackluster category out there, one that should instead be awarded in the Technical Oscars ceremony that no one wants to see, but they always report on out of obligation more than anything else. However, for all you fans of the big names in sound editing like Gary Rydstrorn or Dennis Muren, here's my pick: *Pearl Harbor*. War movies and/or epics always win in the sound categories. (Side note, in 1999, Sound Editing was the only Oscar nod at all for one of the best films of that or any year - *Fight Club*).

Best Visual Effects: This is just a posh way of saying Special Effects, and this year several good ones are in this category. In the end I boil it down to *LOTR (Lord of the Rings)* or the best film no one saw, *A.I.* I think I would have to give the slight edge to *LOTR*. Even though *A.I.'s* robots and future sights are both wholly realistic and unbelievably lifelike, the immense and detailed Tolkein-world concocted for *LOTR* is too amazing to overlook.

Best Makeup: First off, the whole category should be thrown out this year for the single reason that *A Beautiful Mind* received a nomination in this category, tainting all. The old people makeup used at the film's climax was so ridiculous, I laughed out loud, nearly ruining the movie for myself. Also, it's a shame that some great makeup jobs like *Harry Potter, A.I,* and *Planet of the Apes* have gone without nominations. At any rate, though the Oscar should go to the unnominated *Planet of the Apes,* with the three that are left, *LOTR* is head and shoulders above the rest, and should grab the gold.

Best Costume Design: This one should go to the supercool threads in the unnominated *Ocean's Eleven*, but with what we are left with, *Moulin Rogue* will win. (Sigh.)

Best Set Direction/Art Direction: This is another one that should fall under the clutches of Sauron and the *Lord of the Rings* gang, though *Harry Potter* may just give it a run for its money. But my odds are with the hobbit.

Best Sound: Another bathroom break category, give this one to the whirring helicopter blades of *Black Hawk Down.*

Best Editing: Another Academy oversight comes in the absence of the trippy *Vanilla Sky* from the editing category. However, we are still left with the crown jewel of this year's editing faire, the superb thriller, *Memento.*

Best Original Score: Chalk this one up to the man with 39 nominations to his name, John Williams. Williams is playing the Soderberg of the year by being his own strongest competition, nominated twice in this category, for *A.I.* and *Harry Potter.* Though both scores are perfect for each movie's feel, let's go with *Harry Potter* here.

Best Song: Though it will most likely go to captain ugly and the perpetually drunk-looking Randy Newman for his *Monsters, Inc.* song "If I Didn't Have You," it really should go to Paul McCartney's theme to *Vanilla Sky,* which is the best thing he's written since "Live and Let Die."

Best Foreign Film: Hands down this one goes to the French film *Amelie,* the cute little story about a cute little French girl who does cute little things.

Best Live Action Short: *The Accountant* has some good buzz, so I'll go with that one.

Best Documentary Feature: *Children Underground.* That's a straight up guess.

Best Documentary Short Subject: *Thoth,* a story about a rather crazy street performer/violinist/composer/cross-dresser. Sounds like a winner to me.

Best Animated Short Film: Anyone who saw *Monsters, Inc.* has seen the short "For the Birds." This little beauty is clever and hilarious, and should shine quite nicely on Oscar night.

see DOMSKE page 17

Staley spends Spring Break learning the art of improv

By Beth Staley
A & E Editor

Well, I could write an interesting story about how I spent my Spring Break on a cruise ship that sunk, resulting in all of the passengers being taken captive by natives on a small Caribbean island where aliens landed and freed us. However, I doubt that you'd believe me. If I were an improvisation actor on the stage, then I could tell such a story without skeptical glances.

I have decided that being an improvisation actor would be the most honorable and fun profession ever. Luckily, Chicago City Limits, an improvisation troupe from New York City, visited my hometown during Spring Break. They offered a workshop and performance. I was quite depressed from watching sad movies on AMC and I couldn't find a copy of *Dude, Where's My Car?* I figured that some comedy on stage might take care of everything. I signed up my friend and myself for the improvisation workshop and got us tickets for the performance.

On March 14, my friend Abby and I went to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown for the workshop. We enjoyed ourselves completely. The exercises were playful, energetic and funny. We started out with a name game and proceeded to do an imitation exercise. Next, we worked on improvisation exercises in groups of two. I learned that the beauty of the art lies in how positive it is. An improvisation actor never says no to another actor. Instead, they must always add to what another actor has said. An actor says out loud or in his mind, "Yes, and," and then adds to the performance. They set up the potential for a very imaginative and boundless skit. Nothing is impossible or denied. I could really get rescued by aliens after my cruise ship sinks.

We also did a number of other exercises with props and in larger groups. We used music a lot and were even asked to write songs on the spot. I don't think I have ever felt more at home or pleased. My friend Abby and I and another actor were performing an exercise, and Abby and I chose a tambourine as our prop. The tambourine was my pet at first, but then Abby broke it by sitting on it. All the jingles became seeing-eye-glasses, and my pet tambourine went to the hospital.

Cast members Michael Leffingwell and Michael Martin led the workshop. They are amazing on-stage. They have a level of energy that is impressive and inspiring. I thank them both for a wonderful experience. After the workshop, they even discussed how we can use our skills off the stage. They also gave me a list of books about improvisation.

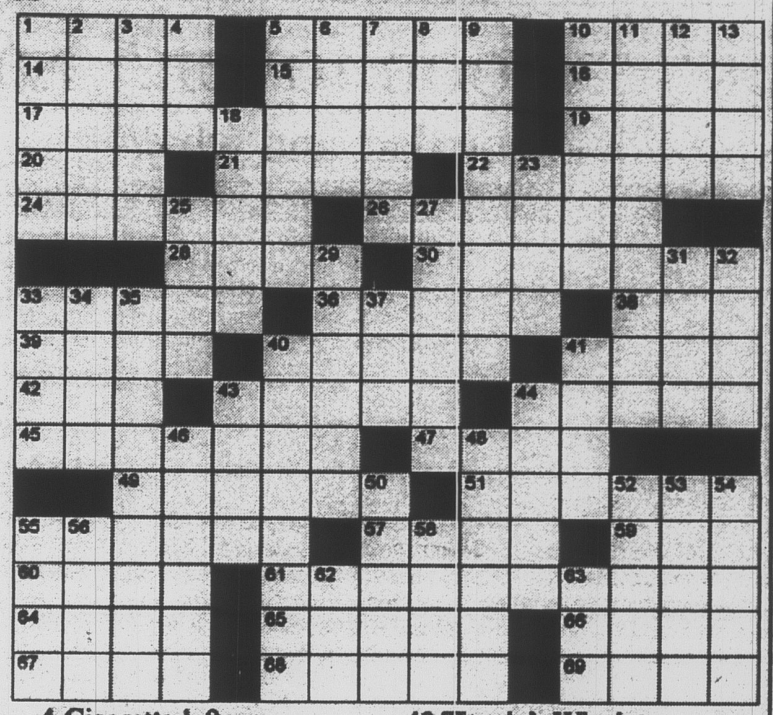
Chicago City Limits holds a variety of workshops for aspiring actors, musicians and comedians. They even hold workshops for business corporations to work on quick thinking skills and teamwork. Visit the website for more information: www.chicagocitylimits.com.

The New York Times calls Chicago City Limits, "The perfect masters of Improvisation." And now I verify this praise. At their performance on Friday, March 15, I was speechless—because I was laughing so hard. They are great. Take a greyhound to NYC and see Chicago City Limits. Hey, if you don't have the courage, I'll sign you up for tickets and whatnot. I like to sign people up for things.

Crossword 101

Presidential Resumes

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

• • • *Charles De Gaule*

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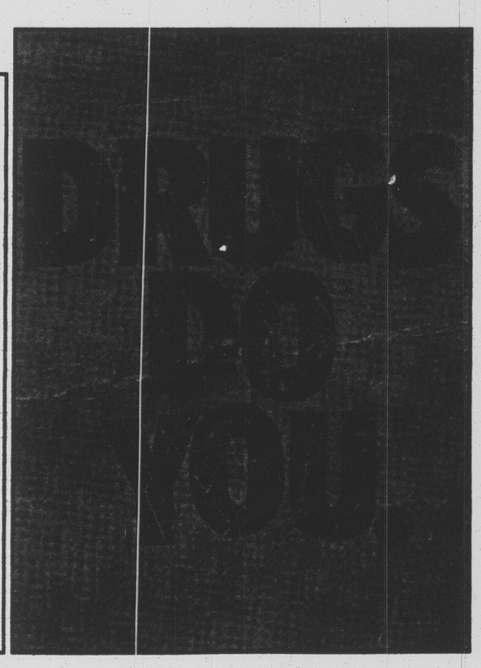


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You have a tendency to keep a lot of good things secret, especially your accomplishments. Doing some rather unfavorable chores for a loved one will result in heartfelt gratitude. You live in the present and loathe dwelling on the past. Don't whine.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You seem to be able to handle just about anything that comes your way in regard to surprises. Because you put a lot of faith in people you love, it is a shock when someone lets you down. Keep your self-esteem intact and take time out for yourself too.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Ongoing relationships are a little strained presently, and new ones are somewhat dubious. Just wait it out and things will improve soon. Money is not important to you, but you enjoy having enough so you can do the things you want without counting the cost.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Being quite a homebody, now would be an excellent time to capitalize on any inclinations you have in that direction. Your love life is quite intense lately. It is especially exciting that your loved one's emotional intensity matches or even surpasses your own.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
This week you need to capitalize on your powers of persuasion and emerge a winner in a business-financial negotiation. You seem to be happier in a relationship than you are alone. Since your standards are incredibly high, expect a few dry spells.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Even at the best of times you have to guard against a tendency to adopt a negative attitude toward life in general and romance in particular. Whether you know it or not, you are very capable of getting by on your own. Being a fast thinker, you handle sticky situations well.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You are very good at keeping secrets, especially about how you feel about others. Your love relationship may not always be as harmonious as it appears to others. Enjoying companionship and the sharing of ideas is important, and you tend to focus on the positive side of everything.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Beneath your strong, independent exterior lies a desire for a truly fulfilling relationship. Resist the temptation to indulge in self-destructive behavior if you become unhappy. Emotional satisfaction can also be found in renewing old friendships.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Although you usually have a significant other, you do much better on your own. Independence is your motto. Your real strength lies in your ever-present optimism. Learn to value those worse moments of your life and learn from them. You have a natural athletic ability.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
The inherent fatalism that seems to follow you around may stifle any positive attitudes needed for you to get ahead. Your strength lies in your ability to move forward, so you need to work on gaining control of your negative thoughts. Being practical and living in the real world are your strong suits.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Feeling dependent on others is the type of situation you steer clear of, especially when it comes to any emotional relationships. Since you do alright on your own, avoid hermit-like tendencies. Your compassionate nature will get you into more trouble than it's worth.

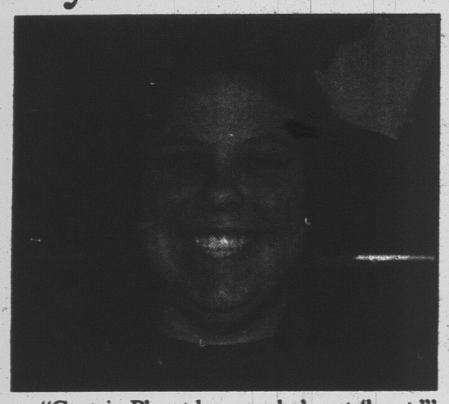
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Verbalizing your feelings to a loved one could be the best way to clear the air, providing tact is used. You are feeling attractive lately and that feeling is communicated to everyone else. You are in touch with the guiding impulses of your nature and enjoy expressing yourself.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The main focus for you right now is on work, meeting your responsibilities and health matters. Relationships are important, but you must stand on your own two feet. Your annual income will start improving.

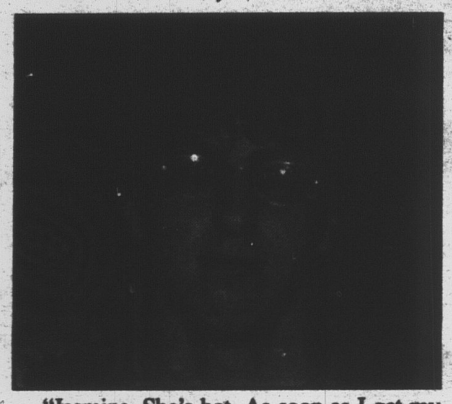
FEATURE

Question of the week: cartoon lover?

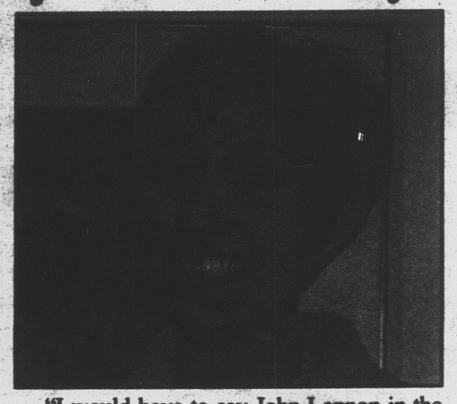
If you were a cartoon character, who would you date and why?



"Captain Planet because he's got 'heart.'" – **Gwen Kennedy, junior**



"Jasmine. She's hot. As soon as I get my own magic carpet, I think I am going to take her for a ride." – **John Glista, sophomore**



"I would have to say John Lennon in the Yellow Submarine animated film 'cause he is so witty, (chuckle) he is. And I love those bell bottoms." – **Ann-Marie Vazzano, junior**

"Jessica Rabbit. I think the illustrations of her explain without having to say why." – **BJ Mathieu, junior**

"It would have to be Aladdin because he's got that tall, dark handsome look going for him. And he can sing too." – **Gina Bessetti, junior**

"I want to date Trent from Daria because he has all kinds of cool piercings." – **Sara Kimbell, sophomore**

"Marge Simpson. Love that hair." – **Dr. Joe Balczon, science department**

"Robinhood. He was a fox." – **Jess Brown, junior**

"I am saying Lara Croft. I think it is self explanatory." – **Chris Cronin, sophomore**

"Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen because they are still in the prime." – **Tony Arrigo, junior**

Habitat trip to North Carolina successful after initial bus breakdown

By Biz Adams
Senior Staff Writer

This spring break, 11 students and a staff members did something a little out of the ordinary. They spent four days in Asheville, N.C. working with Habitat for Humanity, which is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry that seeks to abolish poverty housing and homelessness from the world.

The students worked within a Habitat complex, a community of houses built by various groups over a period of time. They painted rooms, sorted fence hardware, worked on house foundations, and sloped the land around the houses to promote better drainage.

The trip there was eventful, considering the school van they drove broke down after four hours of travel.

"We broke down in Weston, West Virginia," said Josh Storey, a new member of Habitat.

The group stayed in a Comfort Inn for the night. Physical plant employees drove another van to Weston and brought the broken one back to campus.

"The physical plant was great about the situation; they had another van there by 9 a.m. the next morning," Storey said.

"This was my first trip with Habitat, and I would definitely recommend that others try it. It involves time and work, but it is a rewarding way to spend Spring Break," Storey said.

For more information on Habitat For Humanity, contact the chapel office or check out their website at www.habitat.org.

Titan Traverse takes trip to Cumberland Island

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

Titan Traverse sponsored a trip to Cumberland Island, the southernmost point in Georgia, during Spring Break. Titan Traverse Director Steve Montgomery, his wife, and a wilderness expert accompanied 17 students on the seven-day journey.

After the 16-hour drive to the coast of Georgia, the group split up into seven men and 13 women. The women canoed 11 miles in four or five hours to a camp site on the island. The men took a ferry to another camp on the island.

After three days in their respective camps, the men backpacked the three miles to the women's site. The women then took the backpacks and reversed the men's route, while the men took the canoes and reversed the women's route.

"That way everyone got to do a little of everything," Montgomery said. "There is some backpacking, some hiking and some canoeing." Montgomery also stressed the value of splitting the group. "Part of this trip was to seek the answer to the question, 'What does it mean to be a man?' or 'What does it mean to be a woman?' It's a unique situation to spend a week with only a few people on a virtually deserted island."

The 17-mile long island contains four campsites, each accommodating 20 people, so the island can host no more than 80 people at one time. The campers fished, gathered oysters, watched sunsets and sunrises and hiked. After five nights on the island, the group celebrated with a banquet dinner in a restaurant on the mainland.

Montgomery spent two straight days in a canoe on Britain Lake in November to publicize the trip. "It was worth it," Montgomery said. "I had great weather to do it, and it was a lot of fun," he added. "The trip to Georgia was just $250, which is much cheaper than most other Spring Break trips," he added.

Montgomery said the Titan Traverse trips help to refresh students. "Being on campus too long makes students feel like campus is the normal environment, and then life becomes too normal and mundane, but not full," he said. "These trips allow students to have experiences to enrich their lives. Students who participate in these trips learn how to get to know people differently," Montgomery added.

Senior Brian Lytle agreed about the value of the trip. "It was unbelievable. It was the most relaxing week of my life because there was no schedule," Lytle said. "I learned a lot about everyone else there because we just sat and talked a lot. We had great conversations," Lytle added. "It blows my mind that there were only 20 people who went. It's something everyone should experience at least once."

A similar trip is being planned for next Spring Break. Like this year's trip, the next one will be led by students.

"Titan Traverse is about giving students the opportunity to lead. That's what we're all about," Montgomery said. Recruiting for leaders for next year's trip will start soon and Montgomery encourages anyone interested to contact him for more information.

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

For some lucky students, Spring Break is time spent in a bathing suit sopping up the sun in some exotic place. For others, myself included, Spring Break was spent on the couch ... and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

I did have temporary plans to live Jack Kerouac style in a Greyhound all the way to New Orleans with a friend, but alas, those plans were soon postponed due to time and money constraints. We even had plans to eat pre-made bologna sandwiches (I was advised not to steal the bread). Don't know what I'm talking about? Read the book.

Anyway, we soon realized that a trip to New Orleans on a Greyhound would be quite an adventure–close to 27 hours in the bus each way with numerous stops. We would have had an hour or so in Memphis, and then again in Birmingham. Some professors thought it was a great idea while others told us we were nuts and that we would probably get ourselves killed. Someone even told me that New Orleans is full of freaks and midgets, but we won't get into that.

We had a place to stay in the Big Easy, and we would only need cash for a couple nights out on the town (we had the bologna sandwiches for food, remember?), and the bus ticket. We tried to get professors to donate some of their frequent flyer miles, but no one seemed too receptive to the idea.

Unfortunately, the idea of spending nearly two days on a bus and only two days in New Orleans was not exactly appealing. But it was fun to plan our wayward trip. Instead, we plan to go after graduation.

So, instead of spending Spring Break someplace exotic and sunny, I spent it some place wonderful–my couch. I ate home-cooked food and lounged around. For a few days I think the only part of me that moved was my thumb–for changing channels. I did a few other things like spending time with family and friends, but for most of the week, my couch was my best friend.

I did, however, have to endure the questions about post-graduation, but I survived.

Although I have never had an MTV spring break in Cancun or any other place, I was content with going home.

California Spring Break trip theme 'Seeking Direction'

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

Eleven students and one supervisor took a Spring Break trip to California last week. They flew from Pittsburgh to San Diego last Saturday and then drove an extra three hours to Joshua Tree, Ca.

Joshua Tree National Park is composed of two deserts and is located about 140 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Nine campgrounds and opportunities for rock climbing attract visitors to the park.

Students generally woke in the morning and made breakfast before their day of rock climbing. Participants then gathered their gear to go climbing. Everyone climbed until lunch then would break for a meal at their climb sites.

"We usually had crackers and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches," senior Beth Chupaksaid.

After lunch, everyone climbed back down and cooked dinner. "Everything took a lot of time and patience, it was a very good learning experience," Chupak said.

Participants were allotted "solo time" daily, during which they were given inspirational reading material and asked to reflect on it in a journal. Then, at the end of the evening, everyone would come together to discuss their feelings about the reading.

The theme of the trip was "Seeking Direction," and the daily readings helped students reflect. "I found out a lot about myself and things I could do to improve my life just by listening and working with other members of the trip," senior Michelle Knestrick said.

"A lot of my friends went to the beach and I could have done that, but this was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am glad I did it," Chupak said.

"We grew really close to the community, the people we were with on the trip, and we plan to keep in touch," Knestrick said.

Contributed Photo

Four students pose during their climb.

PRSSA members enter national case study contest

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

Four members of the college's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America have entered a national case study competition. Jon Bish, E.J. Campbell, Mindy Falk, and Kimberly Schroeder have submitted an entry to the Contiki Holidays 2002 Bateman Case Study Competition, organized by the national PRSSA chapter.

The competition requires students in chapters to work together to create and implement an effective public relations campaign for Contiki Holidays, the world's largest travel company for 18-35 year olds. Contiki operates motor coach tours in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and North America, and would like to get more students to travel internationally.

Judging of the case studies will be based on six criteria: research, planning, execution, evaluation, effectiveness and creativity. The judges will notify the three finalists during the first week of April, and each finalist team will be flown to Hawaii during the first week of May. There, each team will present its campaign to a panel of judges and will immediately be notified of its standing.

The college's team began work on the project by creating and administering surveys to random students, to learn their travel habits, demographic information, perceptions of travel, frequented restaurants and knowledge of Contiki. After collecting the results, along with other general research data, the team began planning a publicity event.

To create campus interest about Contiki and the event, the group used some unorthodox methods. "We knew we had to be creative," Campbell said. "So we launched a flyer, poster, Holcad ad and general word of mouth advertising campaign in which the only information provided was the Contiki name, our slogan, 'Where's Your Contiki,' and the location and time of the event," she added.

The group decided to use a nearby establishment to host the event. "We realized that students are more receptive to party atmospheres than any other event," Falk said.

"And when we met with the manager of the Bull's Eye, he not only supported our idea, but even brought out some of his own decorations and display materials for us," she added.

The event was held on the night of Feb. 28. The "Contiki Party" featured food and drink specials, karaoke, a Contiki information table, raffle drawings and a Contiki-related trivia question. "It was more of a success than we had ever hoped for," Campbell said. "Over 100 Westminster students attended. We were thrilled."

Despite the long hours of work the four students dedicated to the project, they are thankful for the opportunity to participate in the competition. "The experience was worth the work," Campbell said. "As PR majors, many times we go through real life simulations, such as press conferences, but to actually design a campaign and to be able to watch its implementation was not only a valuable experience, but also extremely rewarding."

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Best Animated Feature: This is a new category this year and should forever quash any chance of another animated feature getting nominated for best picture, as *Beauty and the Beast* was back in the early '90s. The winner here should be no surprise to anyone, none other than the highest grossing film of the year, *Shrek*. Do yourself a favor - watch Pinocchio's dance during the real wedding scene at the end, it just might be the funniest thing you have ever seen.

And now, the big guns...

Best Screenplay (Adapted): This is a tough one (*A Beautiful Mind, Ghost World, In the Bedroom, The Lord of the Rings* and *Shrek*). All the nominees are pretty strong contenders, though I would give the edge to Peter Jackson and Co. for *Lord of the Rings*, for making one of the most imaginative and loyal adaptations ever, for a book that no one thought could be successfully adapted for the screen.

Best Screenplay (Original): The category is a little easier, really just a two horse race between *The Royal Tanenbaums* and *Memento*, if you ask me. In the end though, if *Memento* isn't rewarded for being one of the best and most thought-provoking revisions on the neo-noir suspense genre in years, then something's wrong with this country. An interesting note here, is that *Memento* could justifiably been put in the adapted screenplay category, as the genesis of the idea came from a story that writer/director Christopher Nolan's brother was writing on the same topic (though after the idea was swapped, both used the premise for separate stories).

Best Supporting Actress: Alright, so this one is really between Jennifer Connelly for *A Beautiful Mind* and Marisa Tomei for *In the Bedroom*. I want it to go to Marisa Tomei (though my instincts tell me that the words "Marisa Tomei" and "Oscar-worthy" are natural enemies). She was the subject of one of Oscar's greatest myths, supposing that her oddly-awarded Oscar for *My Cousin Vinny* was the fault of "crap bigger than you" aspirator Jack Palance reading the wrong name). In all honesty, I think that Connelly will prevail though, and not undeservedly.

Best Supporting Actor: Ian McKellen is one of the best actors around, and is long overdue to get some Oscar props for it. This is undoubtedly his year, as *LOTR's* grampa-like Gandalf. Booya.

Best Actress: Well, I believe this one should go to Halle Berry, a splendid actress who is constantly overshadowed by her own looks, but I would have to be an idiot if I didn't say that Nicole Kidman is going to win. She's the "favorite," which usually means "least deserving" and in this case, that's dead on. Which, again, makes her this year's winner of the "Tom Cruise/Nicholas Cage Award for Most Overrated Actor of the Year."

Best Actor: Again, a tough category, but I believe this one will go to Russell Crowe for his glorious turn in *A Beautiful Mind*, (though Russell Crowe Oscar's will be forever tainted with the stink of that grossly mis-awarded acting Oscar for *Gladiator)*. Not to sniff at Mr. Crowe, but the Oscar should really go to Denzel Washington, for one of the most powerful turns of his career in *Training Day*. Denzel is cursed with the Morgan Freeman disease of always coming to bat in every movie he's in, but never getting any respect for it. I wish I could say that I thought this year would be different, but it won't.

Best Director: Another tough one, though you can count two out right away, as no one has ever won best director who didn't have his movie nominated for best picture as well (see ya later Ridley Scott and David Lynch). Though I'd like to see Peter Jackson get it for his amazing work on *LOTR*, in the end Ron "Opie" Howard will get it for his work on *A Beautiful Mind*, and I can't say he didn't earn it. It's the best work of his career.

Best Picture: Ah yes, the big one. I'll give you fifty bucks if you can guess what my pick is. Hands down, the best picture of this year is *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*. Now the bigger question is whether or not I think that the Academy will agree. They will. Now I know Brad is going to tell you all kinds of things about *Moulin Rouge* or *A Beautiful Mind*. While I think the latter has a chance, I just don't see *LOTR* missing out. It's just too good. But then again, I never thought *Gladiator* could beat *Traffic* or *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. The Academy loves surprises. You never know.

Now if all these picks don't get you interested in watching the Oscars this weekend, finding out that it's being hosted by Whoopi "Secret Square" Goldburg isn't going to help matters much. Regardless, I wish you all a happy Oscar night, and hopefully we will get to see another Britney commercial.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRY-OUTS FOR FALL 2002 DANCELINE will be held Wednesday, March 27, at 5 p.m. in Orr Lobby. Practice sessions are scheduled Sunday-Tuesday, March 24-26 from 7-9 p.m., with a sign-up time at 6:45 p.m. the first night. For more information, call Anna Tielsch at EXT x7665 or Veronica Porterfield at EXT. x7606.

SPRING SWIMMING LESSONS Registration will be held Sunday, April 7, from 6-7 p.m. at the Memorial Field House. These 45-minute lessons designed for participants over 5 years of age are scheduled April 8-12 and 15-18 with Levels I & II at 5 p.m. and Levels III, IV, V, VI, & VII at 6 p.m. For more information contact Robert Klamut at (724) 946-7315.

GLORIOUS, GRAND AND TRUE, a cookbook featuring over 550 recipes from the Westminster community, is available for $10 (plus $2.50 shipping and handling). Call Beth Brooks at (724) 946-7111 for details or contact the bookstore at (724) 946-7216. For complete listing of sesquicentennial merchandise, visit www.westminster.edu/150.

BUCK CONSULTANTS, Pittsburgh, is looking for an intern to work with an actuarial consulting department doing various pension and healthcare actuarial projects. Applicants must be mathematics, economics or finance majors and be on track to complete three terms of calculus by graduation. Preference will be given to those who have passed or at least taken one actuarial exam. Excel experience is a must, and knowledge of MS Acess and Word will also be helpful. Pay is $8-15 per hour. For more information, contact David Jarrett at (412) 394-3054 or e-mail djarrett@buckconsultants.cmo.

NEED NEW YORK CITY HOUSING? If you are thinking of an internship in New York City, check opportunities available with St. George Brookly, at www.studenthousing.org or Sussex House in Manhattan at www.sussexhouse.org. In addition, NYU and Columbia have dorm rooms available during the summer.

WESTERN PSYCHIATRIC DAY CAMP needs a counselor to help with special needs children for the Day Treatment Program. This paid position runs from June 26-August 23 at Pressley Ridge Schools in Pittsburgh. For more information, e-mail wesseljh@msx.upmc.edu.

AUDUBON SOCIETY has an internship opportunity as a summer naturalist to educate Pennsylvania residents about nature and the environment from June 1-Sept. 1. Send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Brian Shema, manager of facilities and sanctuaries, Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 before the deadline of April 12. E-mail aswp@aswp.org for more information regarding this paid position.

THE UNITED STATES MARINES has internships available for all majors. This Leadership Internship pays $1900 for the six-week term, has no obligation to stay after the internship is completed, but is in preparation for becoming an officer.

THE CEDARS ACADEMY needs a summer intern to assist students in daily routines, including art, trips, chaperoning, and help with the SAT prep classes. This seven-week internship pays $1000 plus room and board. For more information, call (330) 337-3200.

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Laurel, Md., is looking for an environmental education intern to assist with educator workshops. This position pays $150 per week from June 3 through Aug. 24. Applicant must have good communication skills. For more information, visit the website patuxent.fws.gov.

BUTLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION is seeking an intern to help with increasing recycling in Butler County, surveying illegal dumps, coordinating household hazardous waste collection programs and more. Applicants should be elementary education, environmental science or English majors. For more information, e-mail djohnsto@butler.pa.us.

CMU RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS are available for the summer. Juniors and seniors in a variety of majors such as computer science, business, public relations, English, graphic design, psychology, elementary education and sociology are needed to do research in their respective fields. Internships run from May-Aug. For more information, e-mail hrhelp@andrew.cmu.edu or (412) 268-4747.

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Besides Nicole, Judi Dench (*Iris*) is a bit too old and in an obscure film, and Renee Zellweger (*Bridget Jones's Diary*) is nominated for a comedic performance, comedic performance ... did I mention comedic performance ... she doesn't have a prayer. So, that leaves the subdued veteran Sissy Spacek (*In the Bedroom*) and the gorgeous surprise Halle Berry (*Monster's Ball*).

Spacek is the frontrunner, but I think Berry has the momentum right now, following her SAG victory. Having seen both of these films, Berry is my pick as well. Her down and dirty performance is filled with truth and depth. And she makes a brilliant connection with screen partner, Billy Bob Thorton. *In the Bedroom* is triumphant rebirth for Spacek, but that film belongs to Tom Wilkinson. The Academy will take the opportunity to pat themselves on the back and award Berry for this stunning breakout performance.

Best Supporting Actor: One question: why was John Voigt (*Ali*) nominated over Steve Buschemi (*Ghost World*)? Besides that blatant faux pas, this is a wide-open category. Jim Broadbent had two powerful award-worthy performances in *Moulin Rouge* and *Iris* (which he was nominated for), Ethan Hawke offered the best performance of his career opposite Denzel in *Training Day*, and Ben Kingsley proved that Ghandi can go bad in *Sexy Beast*.

Either of those men are well-deserving of the award, and have a shot of taking home the award. But in this year of wizards and hobbits, Sir Ian McKellan should get the win for Gandalf in *'Rings*. He provided a steady and powerful center to the vortex that was *'Rings* ... not to mention the fact that McKellan is a tremendous actor that the Academy will love to award. Finally, I'm sorry to say that I think *'Rings* will be shut out of all the other major awards, and this allows at least a deserving consolation.

Best Supporting Actress: Unfortunately, this category is a no-brainer. *Mind's* Jennifer Connelly is nearly a lock for the win. Kate Winslet was supposedly great in *Iris*, but who saw the film ... not to mention the fact that she's stuck in the shadow of Dench who plays the elder Iris. Hellen Miren and Maggie Smith cancel one another out as the standout performers in *Gosford Park.* And even though she would get my vote, I'm not sure the Academy will ever give Marissa Tomei another Oscar after she somehow won for *My Cousin Vinny* in 1992. Connely is not a bad choice. She's quite good in *Mind* ... I just think awarding her, like giving *Mind* best picture, is too easy a choice.

Best Director: This is without a doubt the most difficult race for me to predict. My heart belongs to *Rings'* Peter Jackson who certainly had the most challenging project in skillfully creating the fantastical world of Middle Earth. However, it seems that the race is between Ron Howard (*A Beautiful Mind*) and Robert Altman (*Gosford Park*). Unfortunately, I don't think either of their wins will be based only on their work in the nominated film. Altman's will be a lifetime achievement award, and Howard's will be the Academy's apology for not even nominating him for *Apollo 13*. If it were based only on the film in question, Jackson would have to be a lock.

Two other guys are nominated (David Lynch for *Mullhulland Drive* and Ridley Scott for *Black Hawk Down*), but without their films being nominated for best picture, they don't have a prayer. I think the Oscar will go to Howard.

Well, those are my thoughts for now. For fun, here's a wild and crazy scenario: Best Picture: *Moulin Rouge,* Best Director: David Lynch, Best Actor: Tom Wilkinson, Best Actress: Nicole Kidman, Best Supporting Actor: Ethan Hawke, Best Supporting Actress: Marissa Tomei. Think what that would do to the crazy entertainment pundits.

I'm over the edge in giddy anticipation. Don't forget to tune into the Oscars on ABC at 8:30 Sunday evening. Until then ... I'll see you on the red carpet.

A league of their own!

The new baby bunnies:

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- Jen Shaheen
- Alex Mikhaylova
- Jenny Zarack
- Bethany Zak
- Lindsay Schuler
- Ashley Martucci
- Lauren Thompson
- Julie Stolze
- Alie Altman
- Cortney Divito
- Tara Tomczyk
- Morgan Campbell
- Erica McCullough
- Lauren Annibale

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 22
Desk Staff Applications Due in Student Affairs by 4:30 p.m.
TBA Softball @ Shippensburg Tournament
~~7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Science Olympiad - Orr Auditorium~~
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Westminster Cookbook Available for Sale - Tower Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Alpha Psi Omega Fifth Annual One-Act Festival - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 23
Softball @ Shippensburg Tournament
Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field @ Clarion Early Bird Invitational
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Training for New RAs
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop - Down Under
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for New Wilmington Area Children - Ferguson Terrace
1:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Mount Union (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Alpha Psi Omega Fifth Annual One-Act Festival - Down Under
U. S. Air Force Band of Flight Concert - Orr Auditorium

SUNDAY 24
PALM SUNDAY
Softball @ Shippensburg Tournament
9:00 a.m. Spring Intercollegiate Horse Show (hosted by WC Equestrian Team) - Little Neshannock Stables
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Hiram (OH)
3:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Initiation - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Easter Vesper Service (featuring Concert Choir and Chamber Singers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Zoolander* - Down Under

MONDAY 25
Softball @ Shippensburg Tournament
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Westminster Cookbook Available for Sale - Tower Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
TBA Women's Golf @ Washington & Jefferson
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 26
HISTORY DAY
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Westminster Cookbook Available for Sale - Tower Room
4:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship - Miller Board Room
5:30 p.m. RHAB Meeting
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Travel Seminar Meeting: Ecology and Evolution of the Galapagos Islands and Rainforests of Ecuador, January 2003 - PH 131
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr
8:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium - Chapel

WEDNESDAY 27
Harassment Prevention Training Schedule - Russell Dining Room
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Faculty/Administrators
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Support Staff/Physical Plant Employees
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Faculty/Administrators
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Support Staff/Physical Plant Employees
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Students
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Westminster Cookbook Available for Sale - Tower Room
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Joe Balczon, " A Balanced Diet for Bacteria" - PH 311
3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Washington & Jefferson (H)
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Edinboro
4:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Bethany (WV)
5:00 p.m. SGA Banquet - Down Under
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
~~9:30 p.m. Seekers - Down Under~~

THURSDAY 28
FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Westminster Cookbook Available for Sale - Tower Room
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Washington & Jefferson
2:00 p.m. Grille Closes for Break
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Clarion
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE
Last Meal Before Break: LUNCH
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel

FRIDAY 29
GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER BREAK – College Closed
Men's Golf @ Malone Invitational

SATURDAY 30
EASTER BREAK
Men's Golf @ Malone Invitational

SUNDAY 31
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EASTER BREAK

MONDAY 1
EASTER BREAK
Men's Golf Westminster Invitational (H)
1:00 pm Women's Golf @ Grove City College Invitational
2:00 pm RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN
First Meal After Break: DINNER
4:30 pm Grille Opens After Break
5:30 pm Panhel Meeting – Ferguson 115
6:15 pm Phi Kappa Tau Meeting – HSC 166

TUESDAY 2
CLASSES RESUME
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3:00 pm Softball vs. Allegheny (H)
4:30 pm Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship -- Miller Board Room
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
5:30 pm Dance Theatre Rehearsal -- Down Under
7:00 pm Orchestra – Orr
7:30 pm Men's Room Drawing
7:30 pm Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting -- OM 210

WEDNESDAY 3
11:45 am Faculty Forum: Carolyn Cuff, "Data Analysis and the Dreamer" -- PH 311
3:00 pm Men's Tennis vs. Thiel (H)
7:00 pm SGA Meeting -- Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 pm Upperclass Women's Room Drawing
8:00 pm Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:00 pm Dance Theatre Rehearsal -- Orr Auditorium
9:30 pm Seekers College Fellowship – Down Under

THURSDAY 4
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field Quad Meet (H) (Walsh/Geneva/Malone)
Men's Golf @ Bethany College Invitational
9:30 am CCO Meeting -- Down Under
10:00 am Women's Golf @ Bethany College Invitational
3:00 pm Softball vs. Grove City (H)
5:30 pm Dance Theatre Rehearsal -- Down Under
7:30 pm Gospel Choir Practice -- Chapel
7:30 pm First-Year Women's Room Drawing
7:30 pm Faculty Recital: Nancy DeSalvo -- Orr Auditorium

At the Down Under

1 Act Festival

Student directors from left: William Weniger, Katrina Kayden, Craig Gottschalk and Jason Cooper.

Surpressed Desires

Diversions

The Doctor Will See You Now

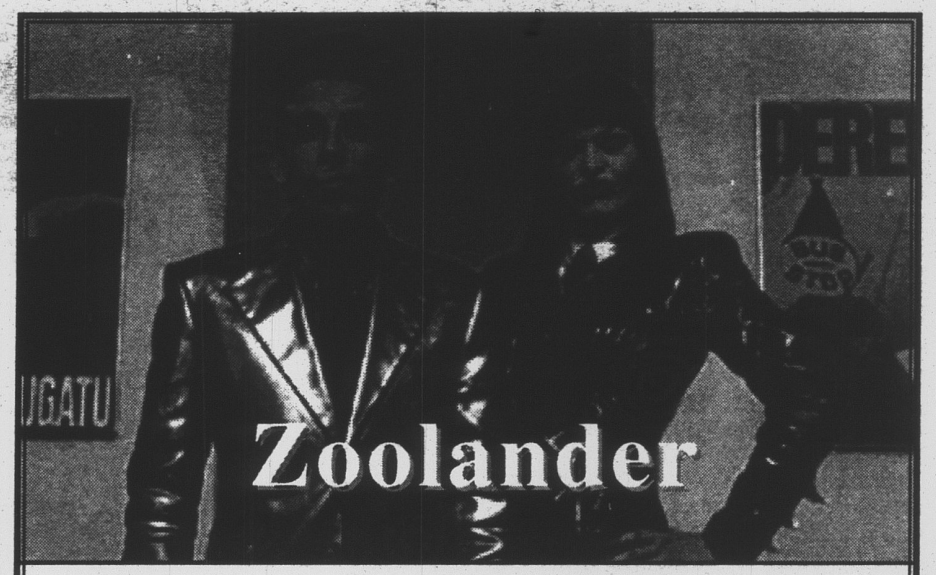
Medea

If Men Played Cards As Women Do

Friday, Mar. 22 at 9:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, Mar. 23 at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 5: JT's Cafe
Apr. 6: Comic - Jon Repp
Apr. 13: Comic - Steve Byrne
Apr. 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend
Apr. 19: JT's Cafe
May 3: JT's Cafe
May 4: VolleyRock



Showing:
Sunday, Mar. 24 at 9:00 p.m.

JT s Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts. You provide the [illegible]

Baked goods will be available with the cappuccino. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, Mar. 22 from after the 1 Act Festival til 2 a.m.

Friday, April 5, 2002

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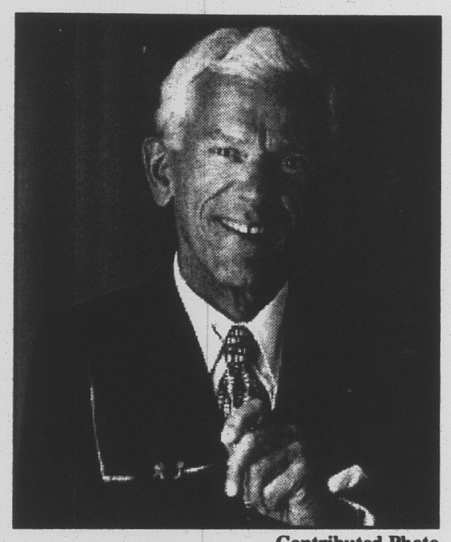
Oscar Remick passes away



Contributed Photo
Dr. Oscar E. Remick

By Jon McKay
Staff Writer

College President Emeritus Dr. Oscar E. Remick passed away at the age of 69 March 25 in his native Maine following a battle with cancer. Remick served as college president and then chancellor from 1987-1997, when he was honored as President Emeritus.

"His goal was to create excellence in the college at all levels, and he was successful in doing that" said Dr. James Cummins, professor of modern languages.

Before coming to the college in 1987, Remick served as president of Alma College in Alma, Mich. He was also president of Chautauqua Institution in New York from 1971-1977.

A scholar of religion, philosophy and the arts, Remick earned his undergraduate degree from Eastern College, a divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a doctorate from Boston University. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he received seven honorary doctorates in recognition of his contributions to higher education, and also preached at several churches.

Remick chaired the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, and the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities.

He also served as a member of former Governor Tom Ridge's Keystone Committee, made up of a group of individuals responsible for studying other states' tactics and suggesting methods for the Ridge administration to improve the effectiveness of state government in education, health care, economic develop-

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Photo by Heidi Krieger
Currently workers are erecting the Science Center. This phase should be completed by April 20.

Vandalism cases rise on campus

By Jessica Vituccio
Staff Writer

A series of vandalistic acts struck the campus before Easter break.

One car was keyed; another car was almost shoved into the creek by the field house. A total of 10 windows were broken in Russell Hall and a room in Eichenauer was broken into and a Sony Playstation system was stolen.

So far, none of the cases have been solved. The college has hired a professional crime investigator to help with these vandalism cases.

"We brought in a retired state trooper who has 20 years experience in crime investigations," John Lechner, dean of safety and security, said.

The car that was almost shoved into the creek was a small vehicle and was parked near the creek. "It was probably a crime of opportunity since it was parked near the creek," Lechner said.

A car was almost shoved into the creek last school year, but the vandal was caught and is no longer on campus.

Two windows were broken in Russell the weekend before Spring Break, and just last week eight more windows were broken in the lobby.

"The windows are at least boarded up; I haven't been over to see it." Lechner said.

The room that was broken into in Eichenhour belongs to a sophomore. That case has been turned in to the New Wilmington police for investigation.

"We are still looking for people to come forward, there are a lot of eyes and ears on this campus and I am sure someone saw something," Lechner said.

If you have any information about any of the incidents, call Lechner. "By not telling you are setting yourself up as a future potential target," Lechner said.

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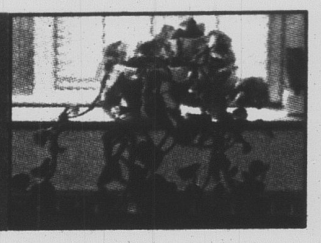

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Saturday P. Cloudy high 39° low 24°

Sunday: PM Showers high 51° low 44°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Select choir group will travel to Italy in Jan. 2003

By Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

Choral students travel around the world, performing in places from California to the British Isles to Toronto. Next year, Italy will be added to the musical tour.

The students will visit Italy in January 2003. A select choir of 45 voices will perform in major cities including Venice, Florence and Rome.

Music professor Dr. Grover Pitman will travel with the group as their tour guide. "I've been to Italy many times, and I know the students will love it, especially the warm climate in the middle of winter," he said.

Choir director Dr. Robin Lind had the idea to travel to Italy. "Dr. Lind has made advanced preparations for this tour so that we can perform in many famous sites," Pitman said.

Seven performances are scheduled over the two-week period. The students will perform at worship services at several famous church buildings, including San Marco Basilica, St. Peters Basilica and St. Francis Basilica.

The Italy tour will be a new experience for several students. Sophomore Pamela Wasilewski is looking forward to the event. "It will be a different experience, but definitely a good one," she said.

A travel course is required to receive credit for the tour. "The students will take an Italian culture seminar class in the fall that examines the history of the places we'll visit and their cultural importance," Pitman said. "During the trip the students will also keep a daily journal that they will turn in for credit."

Fundraising plans are underway to minimize the cost of the tour. Concert choir president sophomore Sara Kimbell is working hard to prepare for the trip. "It's going to be very time-consuming to get all this together, but I have a feeling it will be more than worth the time," she said.

The choir's largest event is a concert called "Unsigned and Unleashed." The show is slated for Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. Tickets will be sold on campus this week and at the door Friday night. For more information, call Nathan Zuzack at EXT. x6563.

Down Under offers quiet study place

By Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

With the TUB gone, the Down Under staff and the Campus Programming Committee have created an alternative for students.

Every Monday and Thursday, the Down Under is open from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. During finals, it will be open from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. nightly.

"With the TUB being gone due to construction, a lot of people lost their favorite study place last semester," said Michael Piddington, senior and Down Under general manager.

In the Down Under, students can study, hang out with friends, watch movies, play games and relax.

"People were complaining that there was nowhere to hang out, so we figured we might as well use it," CPC chair Abby Wessel said.

Sophomore Diana Rodenhausen frequents the Down Under. "I can't study in my room because there are too many distractions ... and there are a bunch of people that I get to hang out with here that I don't normally get to see."

Rodenhausen isn't alone. About 15 students take advantage of the additional times, Wessel said.

Some students come carrying blankets, Girl Scout cookies and cappuccino-filled travel mugs. Many make themselves comfortable by creating their own workstations.

Three staff members are available to offer free popcorn, cappuccino and soft drinks.

Senior Alan Eargle, a Down Under staff member, doesn't mind the extra responsibilities. "We get paid. Plus, I get all the free popcorn I can eat," he said.

Associate Dean Camille Hawthorn, Wessel and Piddington decided to implement the new hours this semester.

"It's a change in environment. It's a study time and it's a good atmosphere ... and there's free food and fun," junior Sara Hackett said.

Night classes convenient for LLPs

By Michael Farner
Staff Writer

The VCRs have been going into overdrive on campus. With so many students taping their favorite prime time television shows, Ross and Rachel on "Friends" can't get friendly until Friday afternoon, and no one can love Raymond until after the tape is rewound. This is just one of the problems created by the inconvenient scheduling of night classes.

The plethora of night classes offered at the college have changed the way students look at scheduling. Many students are unable to maintain a full schedule during the normal, daily class hours due to sports and other extra-curricular activities, so they have turned to night classes.

The main reason for the night class environment is to provide opportunities for the Life-Long Learning students. LLP students include anyone 24-years-old or older who has not lived on a college campus for the past nine months. They must also have a high school degree or GED. Many of the LLP classes are scheduled at night in order to meet the needs of the students who work a full-time job during the day.

"We offer a number of courses in the evening to meet the needs of the LLP students," registrar June Garner said.

Another reason classes are scheduled at night is due to conflicts with scheduling cluster courses. Some of the cluster courses are offered in the evening so the LLP students and athletes can meet their graduation requirements while still carrying on their normal, daily activities.

Some classes are offered at night because the professors have full-time jobs during the day. Journalism professor James Raykie is the editor of the Sharon Herald, and is only available to teach at night.

Some professors request to have their classes held at night, such as Dr. James Rhoads, instructor of Rock and Roll Politics. "This is a course that lends itself nicely to a once-a-week, three-hour block format," he said. "It is also a class that is dependent on a 'smart classroom' and they are much more available in the evenings."

Although night classes are scheduled mainly to help students maintain a full and productive schedule, there are some mixed emotions on the subject.

"It's kind of miserable having a night class, because you sit here all day knowing that you are not done, and then when you come out of class and it's dark ... where does the day go?" said junior neuroscience major Joshua Sunderlin.

Galbreath to host education hall soon

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

Galbreath will host an education hall next semester.

The hall will be open to any women who are interested in education. Elementary and secondary education majors will have the opportunity to live in this hall as well as some non-education majors, education minors and exploratory majors.

Education-related programming is planned for the hall. Activities may include field trips to the Carnegie Science Center, veteran or first year teacher speakers, and discussion of the philosophies of education. These activities, which are not required by the curriculum, may provide education students with a new perspective.

The response for the education hall has been good. Junior elementary education major Kathy Shelenberger began by surveying education classes to see if students would be interested. In late February, applications to live in the new wing were distributed to interested students. Women were asked to express expectations for the hall and what they personally could add to the hall.

"I am looking forward to living on the same hall with girls who are education majors because I think it will really help to have the extra support," said freshman education major Leslie Underwood.

Shelenberger said she wanted to develop a support system for education majors and give them an opportunity to explore education with others on campus. She will continue her work with the hall next year as a resident assistant.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I have high expectations for the hall," Shelenberger said.

Grouping students by academic interest has been implemented on many other college campuses, but this is a first for Westminster. The first community-categorized hall is for elementary education because it is one of the most popular majors on campus.

Women interested in the education hall will meet in McGill Library on Apr. 4 for room drawing. If current students don't fill the rooms, incoming freshmen will.

Lambda Sigma clothing drive benefits needy

By Chris Borsani
Staff Writer

Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society, sponsored a clothing drive March 17 through March 22. The clothes will be donated to several clothing banks in the Pittsburgh area.

Sophomore Lambda Sigma member Amanda Ries was in charge of the project. "I was thrilled at the turnout we received. It made me proud to be a Westminster student and a part of this project," Ries said.

The clothing drive was originally scheduled to end March 19. Due to the overwhelming response, the drive was extended.

Sophomore Emily Mateer donated some of her clothes. "It is a wonderful idea because it is a good cause. I was happy to donate parts of my wardrobe to the needy," Mateer said.

"As an organization, Lambda Sigma is very proud of the working relationship we have built with our fellow students. We appreciate all of their support in all that they have done," Lambda Sigma president Stephanie Maccaglia said.

CPC to offer Night Owl Bowling two more times

By Cortney DiVito
Staff Writer

On March 2 and 23, the Campus Programming Committee scheduled an all-night bowling event at Thornton Hall Bowling in Sharon.

Students left Old 77 at 11:30 p.m. and bowled until 2 a.m. A van transported 15 students, and other students drove themselves. The cost was $2 for students.

More than 20 students attended the event on March 2, and 32 students attended on March 23. So many people attended that CPC plans to schedule another bowling trip.

"We had only planned to do it twice this semester; we planned it on a whim. But it went so well that we just scheduled two more nights for the Night-Owl Bowling activity," junior CPC Chair Abbey Wessel said. The nights for the next bowling events are April 13 and 27. Sign-ups will be via e-mail to cpc@westminster.edu.

The event was the brainstorm of CPC member and sophomore Diana Rodenhausen. "I went bowling with a couple of friends and we had a lot of fun, and I thought, well maybe we could do something the CPC sponsors to lower the cost of bowling and I thought other people would like that too," she said.

The event provided a leisure activity for stressed students. "It is a chance to get off campus with no worries other than your bowling score," Rodenhausen said. It also presented the opportunity to meet new people.

Wessel said she enjoyed the bowling alley. "It's a really cool place that hasn't changed since 1950. It was like stepping back in time. You even had to keep your own score," she said.

CPC is a division of the Student Government Association. The group is responsible for providing entertainment for students. To attend any CPC event, consult the CPC calendar at http://wc-web/Student/Orgs/CPC/SCHEDULE.html or look out for e-mails promoting events.

CPC is also a member of the National Association for Campus Activities, Great Lakes Region. Some of the members of CPC attend NACA conferences twice a year in order to schedule different performers.

Dennis Brutus gives peaceful solutions

By Josh Storey
Staff Writer

Dennis Brutus, who at one time was imprisoned with Nelson Mandela and now works for nonviolent, peaceful solutions to the world's problems, spoke to a packed Phillips Lecture Hall on Thursday, March 21.

"Forces are gathering on both sides," Brutus said. "Either we will destroy the planet in the pursuit of profit or people will say this is our world and we want to live in it."

Brutus spoke for the third time that day about the fight between the Grassroots Movement and the Corporate Agenda or as he says, "Globalization's impact on the Third World."

Brutus explained how our world is shrinking and how, as it becomes easier to communicate and travel across the global village, it becomes easier for money to move around as well. Brutus also explained how $4 trillion travels around the world each day and with such large amounts of money, we have to talk about the World Bank and the World Trade Organization.

Originally formed in 1945, the purpose of the World Bank was to prevent another world war on the basis that modern wars were fought over money, not boundaries. It was designed "to regulate the world and assure just relations" Brutus explained. Unfortunately, they tried to use a "cookie cutter" or "one size fits all" solution for underdeveloped nations. They loaned money to developing nations, but the loans came with conditions called Structural Adjustment Prospects. These SAPs basically gave the World Bank control over the nation, forcing it cut civil service programs and focus all of its efforts on exportation. The Prospects have caused the failure of 65 countries.

Fifty years after the formation of the World Bank a new movement, known as Grassroots, started. Formed in opposition to the W.T.O., the World Bank, and any single solution that tried to solve everyone's problems with only the one solution; the Grassroots movement has pickup steam in its short nine-year existence.

In November 1999, the W.T.O, along with the heads of state of 100 countries and CEOs from all of the major corporations met in Seattle to "write the corporate agenda for the entire world." Grassroots was there too along with 10,000 protestors. They protested and they won. There was no meeting and no agenda.

As a follow-up to their triumph in Seattle, the Grassroots movement is attempting to write its own agenda. This agenda is to be non-hierarchical—an agenda in which the rich don't get richer as the poor get poor, works by consensus, not voting and in which contribution to the movement, not ethnicity or race counts.

"We believe it is unwise to come up with a solution of one-size-fits all," Brutus said, and it seems others are agreeing. Corporate theoreticians say that the corporations are losing the battle. People are saying, "This is our world and we want to live in it."

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ment and welfare.

Remick was awarded two Fulbright grants to serve and study in Germany and India, and he earned the National Governors' Association Award for Distinguished Service in 1997 in recognition of his outstanding service to the arts.

"The thing I'll remember about him most is the boundless energy he always displayed," said Dr. Jesse Mann, associate dean of academic affairs. "I toured Korea with him in 1997, and after a 13-hour flight and a 13-hour time change, we arrived at the hotel around midnight. At 5 a.m. the next morning, he was knocking on my door to wake me up for a 'power walk,' basically up a mountain," Mann added. "He was 20 years older than I was, and I still had trouble keeping up with him. He was always like that. It was like he didn't sleep, his energy was incredible."

"He hosted several functions at his house," Cummins said. "The atmosphere was always friendly and cordial."

Mann also commented on Dr. Remick's compelling personality. "He had a very charismatic effect on those surrounding him. He exuded something people wanted to be around," he said. "The best thing he did for the college was to be himself."

He is survived by his wife, Emma, and his three sons: Mark, Paul and John.

Campus News Briefs

1926 grad leaves bequest to benefit nature and students

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – E. Lucile Beerbower Frey, a 1926 Westminster College graduate and biology professor from 1947-1970, left the college a bequest valued at nearly $650,000 benefiting The E. Lucile Frey Memorial Biology Fund, the Nathan K. Frey and E. Lucile Frey Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Marjorie A. Walker Recreation Center.

Frey, a long-time lover of nature, people and Westminster College throughout her life, died Apr. 8, 2001. "We are grateful to Mrs. Frey for choosing to remember Westminster College in this way," said Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement. "Her love and dedication to nature will continue her legacy at our Outdoor Biology Lab."

After attending the college, Frey was a teacher in several public schools before coming to Westminster College. She studied at the University of Michigan, where she earned a Master of Science degree in 1932, and the University of Pittsburgh.

"When she stepped to the chalkboard, she had a twinkle in her eye," said Dr. David Gray, professor of psychology. "She drew an outline of a cell with all its parts, and this was like experiencing a great symphony."

Frey last visited the college's Outdoor Laboratory Oct. 1, 1995, to cut the ribbon to a new nature walk, the Lucile Beerbower Frey Nature Trail, as it was dedicated in her honor.

"What I remember of Mrs. Frey is that she never stopped sharing her love of nature with others," said Molly Spinney, head librarian. "As a teacher, her eyes would sparkle when she taught the subject she loved. She always encouraged students to wander and wonder at the world we live in."

For more information, contact Jennifer Williams, director of the Westminster Fund, at (724) 946-7007 or email williajt@westminster.edu.

1935 grad leaves college a million-dollar bequest

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – The Rev. Joseph T. Brownlee, a 1935 Westminster College graduate, left the college a bequest valued at over one million dollars to fund the Jane Smiley Brownlee Scholarship Fund.

Brownlee, a generous, faithful friend to the college throughout his life, died Jan. 12, 2002. "We are grateful to Rev. Brownlee for remembering Westminster College," said Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement. "Establishing this scholarship fund will benefit many students, and continue the Smiley/Brownlee legacy for generations to come."

After attending the college, Brownlee went on to the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, married his college sweetheart and niece of Westminster College President Dr. Robert F. Galbreath, Jane Elizabeth Smiley '36, and spent the rest of his life in service to various Presbyterian Churches.

According to Brownlee's wishes, scholarship preference will be given to members of the churches where he served including The Presbyterian Church or Plumville; The Trinity Presbyterian Church of Lisbon, Ohio; The Second Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Ohio; The Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church of Cleveland; The Grace Presbyterian Church of Martins Ferry, Ohio; and the Nobleton Community Church of Nobleton, Fla. Residents of Lawrence County are also eligible to apply for scholarship assistance.

"Quiet, modest, friendly, and devout, Joe Brownlee was loved, admired, and respected by all who knew him," wrote the Rev. Joseph M. Hopkins, friend and fellow graduate of Westminster College. "While we will miss his gentle presence among us, we celebrate his entrance into the glorious Home prepared for him by the precious Savior, whom he loved and served."

The first Smiley/Brownlee scholarship was established in 1988. For more information, contact Robert Latta, director of financial aid, at (724) 946-7106 or e-mail lattara@westminster.edu.

NASA researcher to speak on campus

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – Dr. Sheila Bailey, researcher from the NASA Glenn Research Center, will speak at the college Thursday, April 11.

Bailey is an expert in the development of photovoltaic cells, which are a primary power source for the space station. She will give two lectures and visit several classes.

She will give a specialized and technical lecture designed for physic students, "Space Photovoltaics–How Does a Solar Cell Work?" at 4 p.m. in room 116 of the Hoyt Science Resources Center. Bailey will present "Solar Cells for Space Power – The International Space Station and Beyond" at 7:30 p.m. in the Phillips Lecture Hall.

The Woods Memorial Lecture honors Dr. Robert M. Woods, professor of physics at Westminster College from 1947-72. It is made possible by a gift from the Woods' family that has been supplemented over the years by gifts from friends and alumni.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. William L. Johnson, professor of physics, at (724) 946-7201 or e-mail bjohnson@westminster.edu.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Biotech company accused of selling eggs as drugs

CLEVELAND (AP) - A biotech company in rural central Ohio is accused of selling eggs from vaccinated hens as drugs.

A federal grand jury in Columbus is investigating OvImmune Inc., a company started a few years ago by a Chicago physician and a former Ohio State University professor.

"Really, it's not much more than a farmhouse," Jim Thompson, the village zoning inspector, said of the company's headquarters in Richwood, about 35 miles northwest of Columbus. "People say it's supposed to be some kind of research place, but exactly what it is, I've not been able to find out."

Court records show that the criminal investigation focuses on allegations by the Food and Drug Administration that OvImmune developed and sold unlicensed drugs and vaccines for diseases ranging from AIDS to pneumonia and yeast infections.

The drugs were eggs gathered from vaccinated hens, according to the FDA. The resulting antibodies supposedly could boost the immune systems of people who ingest them, The Plain Dealer reported.

However, in court documents, the FDA said that antibodies in egg yolks are destroyed by cooking eggs and digesting them.

The company replied that the FDA is wrong, citing research concluding that the amount of antibodies may be reduced but that enough remain to assist the immune system.

The FDA said the company had peddled its egg products across the nation via the Internet and described them as "magic bullets ... to target and destroy unwanted biologic entities such as cancer."

George M. Burditt, the company's Chicago lawyer, accused the FDA of acting as if it had found Frankenstein's laboratory hidden in backwoods Ohio.

"The chickens are vaccinated like all chickens. All you do is crack the eggs, dry 'em and sell the powder. There's absolutely nothing added to the eggs," Burditt told The Plain Dealer.

"Our position is that the eggs are not a drug, they're a dietary supplement."

A little more than a year ago, Marilyn Coleman, an Ohio State assistant professor from 1976 to 1980, approached the nurse for the nearby North Union County School District for permission to serve the eggs to schoolchildren.

Coleman wanted to monitor the students, according to an FDA search warrant.

As Easter 2001 approached, Coleman held a seminar for about 40 people in the Richwood Church of Christ, the FDA said.

The government contended that a medical consent form was distributed during the church seminar last March 31 that asked people to sign up for an experiment using the eggs. OvImmune's lawyers said the form was not passed out during the seminar.

Sally Wiley, the school nurse, contacted federal authorities.

Libraries fight installation of porn-blocking software

By JoAnn Loviglio
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Inside the stately courtroom of U.S. District Judge Harvey Bartle III, there's language coming from the bench and the witness stand that renders George Carlin's "seven words you can't say on television" tame by comparison. And then there's the nudity.

In the first week of a trial debating the constitutionality of a requirement that public libraries install porn-blocking software on their computers, gray-haired librarians uttered words that could make a longshoreman blush, soft-spoken computer analysts described bizarre sexual proclivities and federal judges mulled the definition of "fetish."

One of the three veteran jurists hearing the case, U.S. District Judge John P. Fullam, summed it up as he flipped through a huge binder of color printouts from pornographic Web sites: "Dirty pictures."

And though the judges seem to be taking a certain enjoyment in the proceeding's unusual nature, they're focused on the importance of the issue: How or if a law can shield children from hardcore pornography without trampling on the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.

Week two of the trial over the Children's Internet Protection Act, or CIPA, began Monday.

The law, signed by President Clinton in 2000, requires that public libraries receiving certain types of federal funding install filtering software to prevent access to online smut. The rule was challenged by the American Library Association and a group of public libraries and library patrons. The American Civil Liberties Union is now arguing their case.

Librarian Candace Morgan, the first plaintiffs' witness, didn't flinch when government attorney Timothy Zick placed an open binder of Web porn photos in front of her.

"Is it your testimony that I have the right to look at these Web sites?" Zick asked.

"Yes, it is," replied Morgan, the associate director of the Fort Vancouver, Wash., regional library.

Shown a particular page with an extremely raunchy title, she read it aloud--to the uncomfortable snickers of some audience members--and matter-of-factly stated, "We have sex manuals with similar pictures to this one."

Government witness Chris Lemmon, of computer testing firm eTesting Labs Inc., was clearly less comfortable when asked to describe some of the more disturbing Web sites he had encountered. He haltingly described pornographic sites involving, among other subjects, elderly women.

"It was disturbing," he testified.

Unlike two previous laws addressing Internet porn that were struck down by federal judges in Philadelphia, CIPA deals only with funding and not with direct restrictions on Internet access.

The 1996 Communications Decency Act, which made it a crime to put adult-oriented material online where children can find it, was thrown out by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional.

The 1998 Child Online Protection Act, which required sites to collect a credit card number or other proof of age before allowing Internet users to view material deemed "harmful to minors," was sidelined by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court is expected to rule this year.

Regional Briefs

Butler County may use modular structures for inmates

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Jail officials in one county are cautiously considering modular units to alleviate overcrowding, but a warden in another county, credited with being the first in Pennsylvania to use the units, thinks they're great.

Consultants with the U.S. Department of Justice recommended that Butler County commissioners consider modular structures instead of transporting inmates out of the county.

Greene County Warden Harry Gillespie said the units, which resemble a Quonset hut and hold 40 minimum-security inmates, worked great for him. He put one in a year ago for $206,000, which he said has been recouped by housing inmates from other overcrowded jails.

But Butler officials are worried about the cost, considering that the prison board recommended building a new jail, which could cost $25 to $30 million.

Butler spent $700,000 last year sending inmates to other counties because of overcrowding. Officials say they hope the recent hiring of additional probation officers will move eligible nonviolent offenders out of the jail and into electronic monitoring programs.

Nurses of Butler hospital approve strike plan

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) - Nurses at Butler Memorial hospital have voted overwhelmingly to approve a strike plan.

More than 94 percent of the 300 registered nurses voted to issue the mandatory 10-day strike notice to the hospital.

The Pennsylvania Independent Nurses union, and its affiliate, Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, announced plans for a strike that will begin April 10 unless an agreement is reached.

Nurses say that more than 14 percent of the hospital's registered nurses quit in the last year because the hospital does not make a strong enough effort to keep them.

Nurses are asking for better schedules, smaller nurse-to-patient ratios and improved wages.

Four more negotiating sessions are scheduled between April 3 and April 10.

KKK files discrimination complaint in Ohio

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) - A Dayton-based chapter of the Ku Klux Klan filed a discrimination complaint with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission after a history museum wouldn't let it purchase bricks bearing the groups' name that would line a sidewalk outside the museum.

The bricks were part of a fund-raiser for the Heritage Center of Clark County. The center sold more than 1,200 of the bricks, which can be engraved with a name chosen by the purchaser, at $100 each.

The group first requested a brick with the inscription "Mystic Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" in August, said Roger Sherrock, operations director for the Heritage Center. Sherrock said he discussed the request with attorneys, then rejected the order.

The KKK then tried to order 100 bricks directly through Springfield masonry manufacturer and supplier Bryce Hill Inc., which is doing the work for the museum. But the company did not fill the order.

"We were then told that they could not make any more bricks for our order because we were the Ku Klux Klan" reads a letter Doug R. Walker, imperial wizard of the Mystic Knights of the KKK, sent this month to the commission.

G. Michael Payton, executive director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, said the commission would not take up the Klan's cause.

Payton said the Ohio Civil Rights Act does not prohibit discrimination by private entities because of political or societal beliefs.

Sherrock said he feels the whole situation has put a negative spin on the fund-raiser.

"Somebody's trying to use us for political gain and that's not what we're here for," Sherrock said. "We're just trying to run a history museum here, that's all."

NATIONAL

Man with box-cutters on flight

MIAMI (AP) - An Egyptian man who was deported earlier this year was arrested on immigration charges after he arrived in Miami on a flight from Spain, carrying boxcutters in his briefcase, authorities said.

Aly Sabra Galal Abdell, 29, was arrested Friday night as he arrived at Miami International Airport on Iberia Airlines Flight 6123 from Spain, said Patricia Mancha, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami.

The man was stopped by inspectors after they ran his name and found he had been deported in January by a New York immigration judge. He had arrived in the country just before the Sept. 11 attacks.

A search of the suspect's briefcase, which he carried aboard the plane, turned up the boxcutters, officials said. Federal officials have banned passengers from carrying small blades, including boxcutters.

"We're in the process of reviewing the matter for criminal charges," said Aloyma Sanchez, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami.

He was being held Sunday on immigration law violations.

Staff members at both the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and the Spanish Consulate in Miami said no one was available to comment Sunday.

An Iberia Airlines supervisor at the airport said Flight 6123 landed in Miami without incident Friday, but she had no other information.

Lawyer handles Catholic priest cases

By John Curran
Associated Press Writer

MARGATE, New Jersey (AP) - "God gives only very special people the opportunity to do these things with a priest," some were told by their molesters.

"It is the most significant honor a lay person could have, to make love to a priest," others were told.

"You can't tell. Nobody would ever believe you anyway."

Now they are telling. And business is booming for lawyer Stephen Rubino, who is sometimes moved to tears by the stories of childhood sexual abuse suffered at the hands of Roman Catholic priests.

Rubino, 52, one of the few lawyers specializing in priest sex cases, has represented about 250 victims, earning a reputation as a tenacious advocate in cases brought in the United States, Canada, Ireland and Australia.

"They want acknowledgment. They want the perpetrator to admit it and be held accountable. Their anger is being driven by the stories they're hearing of the church ignoring the warning signs given to them by predators," Rubino said.

Every day, more alleged victims come forward. His office fields 10 to 15 e-mail messages or telephone calls daily from would-be clients.

Some are teen-agers. Some are in their 70s. They say they were molested as children and are only now speaking up.

"He's a great lawyer, but this isn't about being a great lawyer. It's about being an advocate for change," said Jeffrey R. Anderson, a St. Paul, Minnesota, lawyer active in priest sex cases. "In the end, that's all our clients want and that's what we're working toward."

A Roman Catholic himself, Rubino attended parochial schools and up until 1987 handled primarily environmental class-action suits and civil rights cases.

Then one summer day on the beach, a friend of his wife's approached him with a tale of sexual abuse a 12-year-old relative had suffered at the hands of a priest.

The acts were so horrific, Rubino initially did not believe they happened. He took the case, the priest was convicted and jailed, the victim received a $700,000 settlement and Rubino had a new career.

Since then, he has won settlements ranging from $35,000 to more than $1 million for victims. In every case, the victims first approached the church to seek redress and were turned away, he said.

"I don't enjoy it, but there's no way to leave it. I wouldn't mind if someone else was doing it," Rubino said. "But it must be done. This behavior has to be exposed."

Woman serial killer accepts death

By Jackie Hallifax
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - The Florida Supreme Court ruled Monday that one of the nation's first known woman serial killers is competent to fire her attorneys, stop her appeals and accept her death sentence.

In a brief unanimous order, the court also fired Aileen Wuornos' state-appointed lawyers and dismissed her five appeals.

A call to the legal office representing Wuornos was not immediately returned. Lawyers from the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel had said they wouldn't be able to represent her if the court ruled in her favor.

Wuornos, 45, has spent a decade on Florida's death row. She was sentenced to death six times for killing middle-aged men when she worked as a prostitute along the highways of central Florida in 1989 and 1990.

Wuornos has been the subject of a feature film, a television movie, an opera and three books. She testified during her 1992 trial that she killed men who assaulted her and made her fear for her life, but later said she had lied.

Since last spring, she had written Florida's high court several letters expressing her desire to drop all appeals and be executed.

"There are six cases which had all been unanimously decided for in death, and of which I firmly agreed in with their final decision, since I'm one who seriously hates human life and would kill again," Wuornos wrote in one letter.

One of her attorneys said Wuornos didn't understand the ramifications of what she was doing and her behavior raised questions about her mental health.

Last July, a judge in Daytona Beach ruled that Wuornos was competent to halt her appeals and fire her attorneys. The high court upheld that ruling Monday.

National Briefs

Escaped cow to be sent to sanctuary

CINCINNATI (AP) - A cow that eluded officials for 10 days after it escaped from a meatpacking plant by jumping a 6-foot fence is off to greener pastures.

The cow will go to one of artist Peter Max's animal sanctuaries, probably a 175-acre spread in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

In exchange, Max will donate paintings expected to fetch $180,000 to help in the expansion of the Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Harold Dates, general manager of the society, said Max was impressed by the caring way the cow's capture was handled.

The cow escaped last month. Animal-welfare officials shot the 1,100-pound animal with a tranquilizer near a corral area that was set up with cows brought in to lure the runaway.

The cow was spared from slaughter because animal-rights activists and former Cincinnati Reds majority owner Marge Schott offered it sanctuary.

Max is to be in Cincinnati on Monday to appear in a Reds' opening day parade with the cow and to receive a key to the city.

Sale of prison art banned

By Rik Stevens
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Criticized last year for allowing a serial killer to sell his artwork, the state Department of Correctional Services has eliminated its annual inmate art show and banned the sale of art produced in prisons.

Corrections Commissioner Glenn Goord ordered, effective immediately, that the state's 67,000-plus inmates can still produce any piece of art or handicraft, but they will not be allowed to profit from it.

Corrections spokesman James Flateau confirmed Friday the "Corrections on Canvas" show held for the last 35 years in the state Legislative Office Building in Albany has been discontinued.

"It was designed to allow inmates to show that during incarceration, they were finding positive ways to use their time in a manner that was felt contributed to rehabilitation," Flateau said. "In more recent years, the show has been perceived by some as the state providing a forum for inmates to profit from their crimes."

Inmates could keep half the proceeds from their sales in the nine-day show, with the remainder going to the state Crime Victims Board.

Last year, a portrait of the late Princess Diana was among 10 sketches and paintings by Arthur Shawcross selling for up to $540 each.

Couple writes apology letter for abuse to nephew

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - An Adams couple were ordered Monday to write a letter of apology to their 15-year-old nephew for chaining him to a bed and forcing him to eat hot peppers.

Homar and Cynthia Schultz, both 46, also were fined $500 each and sentenced to three days in jail and one year of probation. The couple have 30 days to write their apologies to their nephew, who was chained to a bed for a night last April.

They pleaded no contest to negligent child abuse in February in Gage County Court.

Illinois man charged with murder of wife

COLUMBIA, Ky. (AP) - Police have charged an Illinois man with murder after they say he shot his wife on Sunday during an argument in his car.

Police said Dennis Dale Morrison, 50, shot Zora Diane Morrison, 49, and then brought her dead body to the state police post in Columbia around 12 p.m. CST.

A fight broke out in the vehicle and Dennis Morrison shot her, state police said. Zora Morrison, of Columbia, was pronounced dead at the post by Adair County Coroner Rick Wilson.

Dennis Morrison, of Hickory Hills, Ill., was charged with one count of murder and taken to the Adair County Regional Jail.

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INTERNATIONAL

Queen Mother Elizabeth of England dies at age 101

By Thomas Wagner
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LONDON (AP) - In a tribute to his grandmother, Prince Charles praised the late Queen Mother Elizabeth for her lifelong popularity, which was obvious across Britain on Monday as people left teddy bears, candles and wreaths outside royal sites such as Windsor Castle in her honor.

"She always had a smile for everyone," said Elizabeth Addley of Northern Ireland as artillery pieces thundered the start of 41-gun salutes at Hillsborough Castle there, and at 11 other locations around Great Britain and in the colony of Gibraltar, in honor of King George VI's widow.

"She broke with tradition. While Queen Mary was rather more stiff and formal, she came along and was a breath of fresh air," said Addley, who proudly said she was born in 1937, the Queen Mother's coronation year.

On Monday, the coffin of the Queen Mother Elizabeth rested in a small stone chapel at Windsor Castle where the royal family privately mourned the beloved matriarch before she is taken to lie in state in London before her Westminster Abbey funeral April 9.

The long period before the funeral allows for the complex logistics of a large ceremonial funeral in the capital. King George VI died Feb. 6, 1952, and after lying in state in London he was laid to rest at Windsor Feb. 15.

In a very personal tribute shown on television across the region, Prince Charles praised his grandmother, who died Saturday at age 101, as "an institution in her own right, a presence in the nation....at once indomitable, somehow timeless, able to span the generations; wise, loving, and an utterly irresistible mischievousness of spirit."

"Her heart belonged to this ancient land and its equally indomitable and humorous inhabitants, whom she served with panache, style and unswerving dignity for very nearly 80 years," the prince said. "I know what my darling grandmother meant to so many other people."

Although life went as normal in many areas of the country, with people enjoying the last day of their Easter holiday, and sporting events taking place as scheduled, hundreds of people showed up at royal locations such as Windsor Castle to pay tribute to the popular Queen Mother.

The Racing Post, a daily horse racing paper, covered its front page Monday with a photo of the Queen Mother and the headline "A sport in mourning." She was a trackside regular and very successful horse breeder, and once said she read the Racing Post every morning with her breakfast.

At 15 racecourses in England, jockeys and spectators stood for a minute's silence and the national anthem before beginning the races.

At soccer events and other sports, similar gestures of respect were made before games began as scheduled.

The public left more than 500 bouquets of flowers on a lawn outside St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. On one, young Chloe Bell left a card with a pencil drawing of a sad face with tears.

The public tributes left at the site also included teddy bears, candles and wreaths of poppies.

At Stirling Castle, a Scottish venue for one of the 41-gun salutes, civil servant Robert McDonald, 35, said: "I think of all the royal family, the Queen Mother is the one most people in Scotland would respect for her devotion to Scotland and the Scottish people."

The queen, who has lost her mother and her only sister, Princess Margaret, within seven weeks, led her family in prayer Sunday evening at the simple Windsor chapel.

The Queen Mother's coffin was carried to the chapel Sunday from her house in Windsor Great Park, where she first lived as Duchess of York before her husband was unexpectedly thrust onto the throne in 1936 by the abdication of his brother, King Edward VIII.

Estate workers and members of the Queen Mother's staff took turns standing vigil by her coffin during the day Monday, while others sat silently.

Synagogue arson raises issues of anti-Semitism in France

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press Writer

MARSEILLE, France (AP) - Thousands of Jews held prayer services Monday near the charred remains of a synagogue, bringing an emotional close to a weekend that forced France and other European countries to confront the specter of anti-Semitism linked to Mideast tensions.

In Brussels, a synagogue was damaged by gasoline bombs, and police in Turkey heightened security at religious sites amid fears that violence in the Middle East could take its toll on European communities.

France deployed riot police at Jewish religious sites and schools nationwide after the arson attack late Sunday at Marseille's Or Aviv temple. The fire destroyed the 20-year-old synagogue, leaving it a blackened mass of wood and metal.

"We are a peaceful community," said Zvi Amar, a Jewish leader in Marseille, France's second-biggest city. "We don't understand why they are attacking us."

More than 3,000 people marched in silence to a cemetery near the burned synagogue. There, they recited prayers of mourning and buried remnants of the temple's five holy Torah scrolls, which were destroyed in the fire.

"I feel a very deep sadness," said a member of the congregation, Gerald Charbit. But he added: "We are going to rebuild."

Authorities would not comment on the cause of the fire and said they did not have any suspects. LCI television reported the building was doused with gasoline and set ablaze.

The attack was the third on a synagogue in France over the Passover-Easter weekend and it embarrassed the government, which has tried to play down accusations that anti-Semitism is a growing problem in the country.

President Jacques Chirac visited a synagogue in the northern port city of Le Havre on Monday to show his solidarity with the Jewish community.

"These acts are unimaginable, unpardonable and unspeakable and should be pursued and condemned as such," he said. "They infuriate France and the French."

In neighboring Belgium, authorities said attackers threw gasoline bombs through the windows of a Brussels synagogue late Sunday, causing a small fire. There were no injuries or major damage.

International Briefs

Stolen artworks recovered

ROME (AP) - Police have recovered more than 50 stolen artworks after a three-year investigation based on the confessions of a convicted art thief.

The art, worth more than 2 million euros ($1.7 million), included "Madonna and Child" by Sebastiano Conca, which once belonged to Leo XII, who was pope from 1823-29, police said. The investigation uncovered stolen art in the homes of 22 people, all of whom are under investigation.

The art thief, whose name was not released, was sentenced in 1999 to more than 10 years in prison. After a month behind bars, he started to talk, supplying a list of stolen works and where they were, police said this week.

Also among the stolen art were two works by Venetian painter Giambattista Tiepolo and a painting by 17th-century artist Luca Giordano. Some works had been stolen more than 20 years ago.

Indonesian jetliner overshot runway; none injured

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - An Indonesian jetliner skidded off a wet runway Monday after landing at a regional airport on Sulawesi island, officials said.

None of the 88 passengers and crew on board were injured in the accident at Walter Monginsidi airport in Kendari, some 1,700 kilometers (1,000 miles) northeast of Jakarta.

The Fokker-28 twin-engined aircraft overshot the runway by about 20 meters (65 feet) before coming to a stop, said Jeflin, an airport official who like many Indonesians only uses one name.

It was raining lightly at the time of the incident, said Jelfin. The cause of the accident was being investigated.

Car bomb kills attacker, injures policeman

JERUSALEM (AP) - A car bomb rocked west Jerusalem near the Old City on Monday night, killing the attacker and seriously injuring a policeman who was inspecting the vehicle at a checkpoint, police said.

The blast-the sixth bombing in six days-blew off the roof of the white four-door car, leaving behind a twisted hulk of metal in the road, which was not crowded at the time of the explosion.

"A terrorist who was inside the car blew up and was killed," police spokesman Kobi Zariyahu said.

Police Chief Mickey Levy told Channel 1 television that the car exploded when a member of the security forces went to check it because it aroused suspicion. Levy didn't say what made police suspicious.

"The security forces member was very, very severely injured and there may be two or three other injured," Levy said.

Eli Toudjman, 30, was at home nearby when he felt the blast.

"It was very strong. The windows rattled. It felt like an earthquake," he said.

No other injuries were immediately reported.

The blast came just a day after two other bombing attacks. In the northern port city of Haifa, a bomber blew up a restaurant, killing himself and 14 Israelis.

Another bomber set off explosives at the Jewish settlement of Efrat, south of Jerusalem in the West Bank, killing himself andgravely wounding a paramedic who stopped him from entering the center of the settlement.

Hunger strikes in Turkish prison claim another life

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - A former inmate has died after fasting for 302 days in a hunger strike against Turkey's maximum security prison system, a prisoners' group announced Monday.

Meryem Altun, 26, a member of the outlawed People's Revolutionary Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C, died in a hospital in Istanbul on Sunday, the group Ozgur Tayad said in a written statement.

She was the 50th person to die in the strike by leftist prisoners and their supporters, launched in October 2000 to protest the government's policy of moving prisoners from large wards housing up to 100 people to one- or three-inmate cells.

Prisoners say that small cells leave them isolated and vulnerable to abuse by guards. The government says that the large wards were unruly and became virtual training camps for militants.

About 100 inmates continue to starve themselves to death, taking vitamins and sugared water to prolong their fast.

SPORTS

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Sports Editor

The men's and women's swimming teams sent three athletes to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the NCAA Division II National Championships. Senior Eric Mojock, who earned All-America honors for the first time in his collegiate career, led the way for the Titans.

Mojock placed 12th in the 100 backstroke, with a personal best time of :52.03 in the championship finals. All-America honors are awarded to the top 16 finishers in each event at the national meet.

"Eric Mojock, our lone senior qualifier, capped off a spectacular career and a storybook season, by becoming All-American in his event," said head swim coach Rob Klamut.

Juniors Jim Mann and Stefanie King also competed at the national meet. Mann placed 17th in the 100 backstroke with a time of :52.32, while King finished 20th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.90.

King earned All-America honors for the third consecutive year on the final day of competition. King placed 11th in the 200 breaststroke at the event in a school-record 2:23.19 to earn All-America recognition. Mann also swam on the final day of competition at the national meet, as Mann placed 22nd in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:56.31. The Titans concluded the NCAA Division II Championships in 25th place in men's team competition and 27th in women's team competition.

"The swimmers who represented Westminster College at the NCAA National Championships had a wonderful time and represented the institution in a superior fashion," Klamut said. "Making it to this meet is the ultimate goal in collegiate swimming. These three swimmers had a wonderful season and are truly the elite in their sport."

The three representatives from Westminster at the NCAA National Championships concluded a stellar season for Titan swimming. Eight Lady Titan swimmers, who finished their season with a record of 9-1, earned PAC Coaches' Honors for finishing among the top three PAC swimmers at the PAC Invitational. The swimmers are seniors Karen Faulhaber, Jaime Sell and Stephanie Dawson; juniors King and Amanda Olinger; sophomores Brittany Jardine and Katie Alukonis; and freshman April Dollard. No men's swimmers were awarded PAC Coaches Honors because the conference did not sponsor a men's swimming championship in 2001-02 due to insufficient participation. Also adding to a spectacular season was the teams' showing at the ECAC Championships. The men finished in eighth place out of 37 teams and the women took 23rd out of 38 teams.

The Titan men and women will be losing a strong and united senior class. Sarah Anzelmo, Gretchen Burwinkel, Stephanie Dawson, Karen Faulhaber, and Jaime Sell have led the women's teams to four successful seasons during their years at Westminster. Ian Blackley, Aaron Francis, Chris Giles, Brian Lytle, Eric Mojock, Kurt Rotthoff and Lucas Shipe have represented their school extremely well as Titans.

Equestrian riders head to regionals

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

Sunday, March 24, the equestrian team concluded its regular season hosting the final show at Little Neshannok Stables.

Due to the steady rain and cold, the typically pungent outdoor event was moved to the indoor ring where a few dozen dedicated fans crowded the fence to catch the excitement.

For those of you unfamiliar with the sport, the basic gist is this: riders are placed into a number of different categories based on event and skill level. These range from Walk-Trot, where riders circle the ring, directing the horse to walk, then trot (equivalent to jogging) to Open Jumping, where the rider must run the horse over a series of obstacles resembling fixed hurdles up to four feet high.

Overall, it was a good day for the Titans, with freshman Ashley Williams taking third in the Walk-Trot class, while senior veteran Holly Daugherty took third and freshman Courtney Hoover took sixth in the Novice Class (Walk-Trot-Canter). Hoover also placed third in Novice Fences.

Sophomore Mary Kingston placed in multiple events, taking second in Intermediate Fences and fifth in Open on the Flat.

"It was a good day. Over the past few weeks, we've had some riders improve greatly and really boost our overall performance," Daugherty said.

As a team, the Titans placed sixth of 16 against mainly DI and DII competition including Penn State, WVU, IUP, Slippery Rock and eventual team champion, Wilson College.

Five riders, Daugherty, Kingston, junior Tammy Bugher and seniors Kristen Greenwood and Gwen Safran will go on to regional competition in the following weeks.

For more sports information look on the web: http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

This Week in Sports

Friday, 4/5/02
BB at Waynesburg* - 3 p.m.
MT VS. WAYNESBURG*- 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 4/6/02
MT at Grove City* - 10:30 a.m.
TF-TITAN INVITATIONAL - 11 a.m.
BB VS. WAYNESBURG (2)* - 1 p.m.

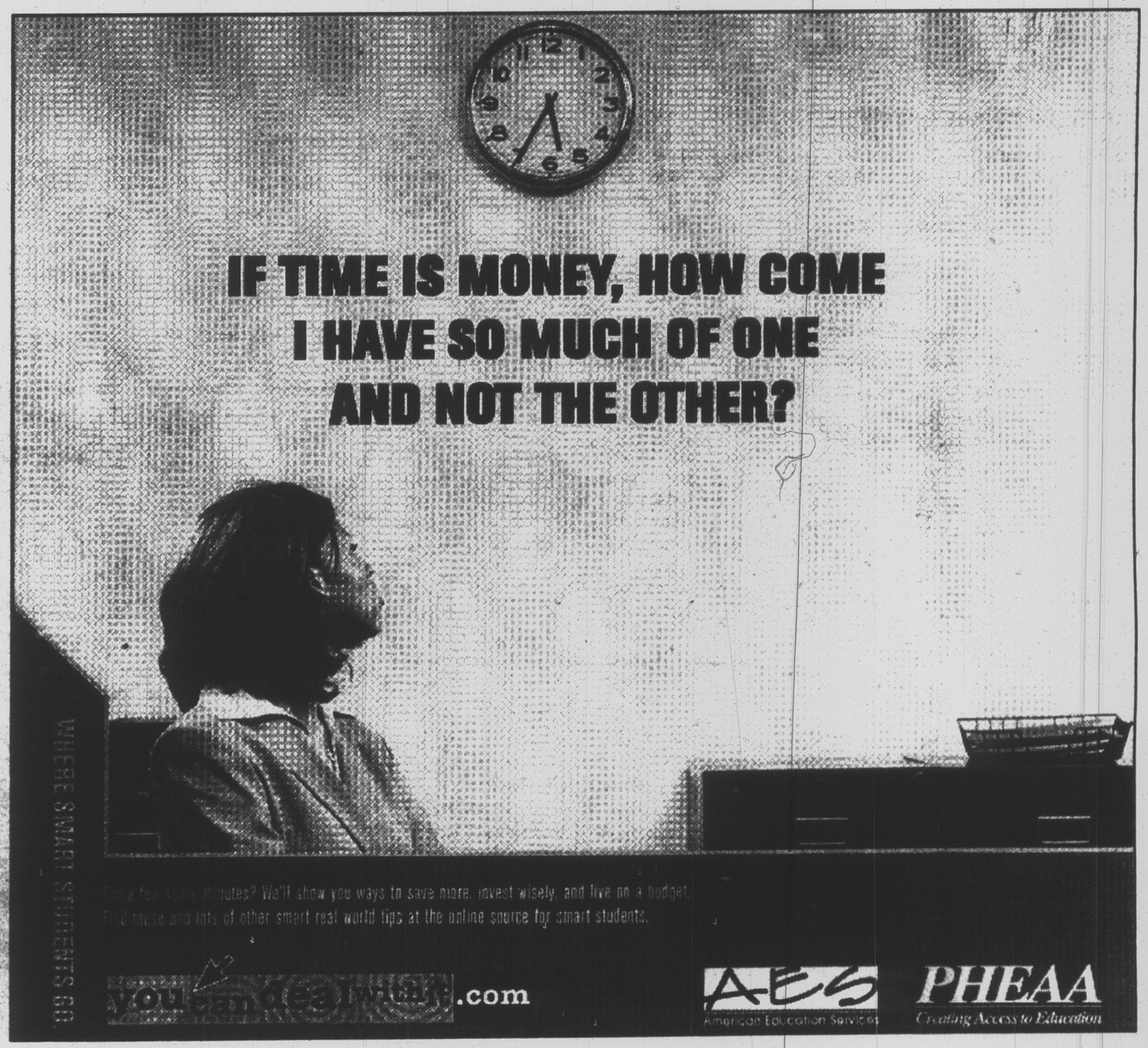
Monday, 4/8/02
M/W GF at Wash. & Jeff. Invit. - noon

Tuesday, 4/9/02
SB VS. BETHANY* - 3 p.m.
MT at Wash. & Jeff.* - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/10/02
MGF at IUP Invitational - 11 a.m.
BB VS. GROVE CITY* - 3 p.m.

Home events in Bold CAPS

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent



OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why do I get in trouble for everything and yet there are Ferguson residents who still have their Christmas lights up?"

"Congratulations to those guys who can jump out of Eich's windows and survive."

"I like the two-ply toilet paper the school got for the bathrooms. Is that going to raise tuition?"

"I wish the Happy Bus would drive me to class."

"Why is every Wednesday baked potato day? I hate potatoes!"

"I didn't know I payed more than $20,000 a year to walk in high grass and mud by the softball field to get to class."

"Why is it that I declared a major as a sophomore and I am going to have to stay another semester?"

"Eating grapefruit leads to enlightenment."

"Which product is more important to society: chapstick or duct tape? I wonder."

"Hey did you know it is National 'I'm going to bring my perfectly working computer to the helpdesk because I don't know how to use it' Day?"

"Doesn't a turn signal mean anything? That was my space, lady."

"Those steel erector guys sure work fast."

"I want to play on the crane."

"I just love this nice weather we've been having."

"Those BLT subs in the TUB sure rock."

"Hooray for stretchy pants."

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OUR VIEW: Commuter campus

It's such a nice day—the sun is finally out after a three month sabbatical. It's not too cold out. Is that a bird in the clear blue sky? How would you know? You were almost run down while crossing the parking lot. This isn't an isolated story either. We've heard of at least four people who have almost been hit by cars on campus.

The school has gone out of its way to provide us with more parking spaces despite the construction, yet people still complain about parking. "There are not enough spaces." Well guess what? If you leave the car at the dorm you won't lose your spot (and you won't hit innocent students just trying to cross the street). Our campus is not that big. It's not like we go to Penn State where they have their own bus system. Students drive from Russell to the Field House for crying out loud.

A walk from Hillside to Thompson Clark should take about 15 minutes at a normal pace (10 if you're late and rushing). Now, lets say you're starting from the Hill, by the time you make it out the door and to your car, start it up, navigate the streets, get to the building, circle the lots looking for a space, end up parking near Beeghly and walk to Thompson Clark you've shaved what, two minutes from your time? Is that really worth it?

How much gas do you think you wasted on your trip? Probably not that much, right? Keep doing that all week though and it adds up. Gas is expensive anymore, and everyone knows college students' bank accounts rarely see more than double digits. Lets take it beyond our pocket books for a minute though. Most of our gas comes from the Middle East, and whether we like it or not, some of the money we pay for the go juice goes toward funding the current political strife. Supply and demand. They have the supply; we have the demand. Let us not forget about the environment either. Think about all that carbon monoxide that gets spewed into the air every time you cross campus in your Chevy. All for an extra lousy two minutes.

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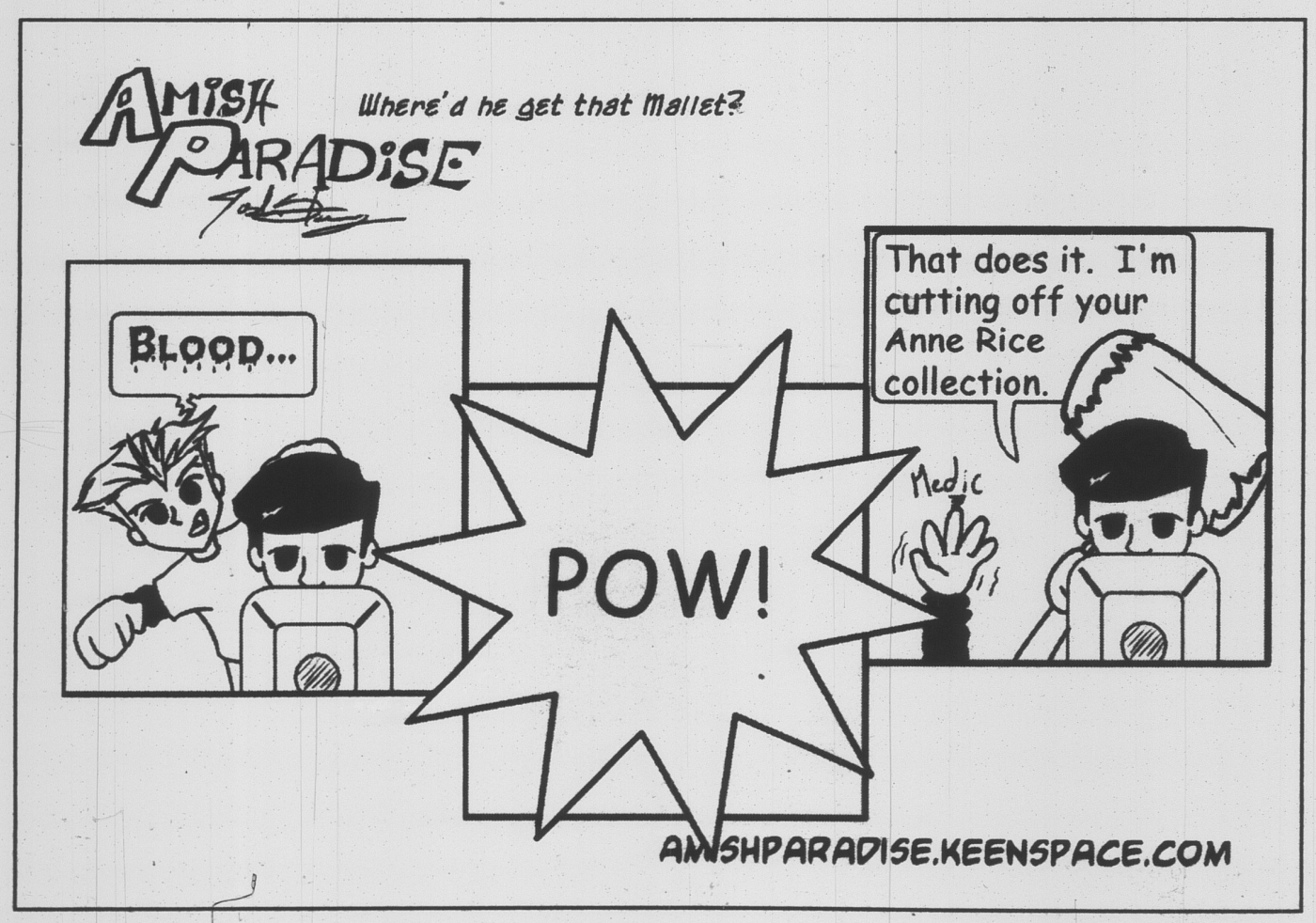
Now let's say you walked. For one thing, you wouldn't have to worry about someone taking your parking spot while you're in class. For another you won't have to worry about where you're going to park once you get there (or getting a ticket for parking "creatively"). Also, walking is a great cardiovascular activity. Granted, the three-minute trip from the cafeteria to the library probably won't do much to improve your general health, but it can't hurt. Right now we're at the height of our metabolic processes. We can live on pizza and cafeteria food for the time being, but sooner or later all the bad habits we formed in "the good ol' days" are going to catch up with us. Good habits can develop along with the bad though, and walking instead of driving is a good habit.

We live in the middle of nowhere and cars are a necessity if we want to do anything off campus, but we should only use them off campus. It is not necessary (unless you are hauling heavy equipment) for anyone to drive anywhere on this campus. It may take you an extra couple minutes, but the good outweighs the bad.

Quit being lazy, put down the keys, and walk to class.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the "OUR VIEW: Campus unity" article, which appeared in the The Holcad on March 22nd. As the RA of the Mirrors hall, I wanted to address the writer's assumptions about the community by describing its purpose and benefits.

Attending a higher education institution, we are committed to learning about the world and how to be in the world. In order to learn more about the world, we attend classes, seminars, concerts, and last lectures. In order to learn more about ourselves and about group dynamics we join organizations that interest us, such as Greek life and/or groups focused around Christianity, music, or academics. We are here to grow and learn. One area, which is often overlooked as far as it's educational potential, is the residence hall, which is the reason the Mirrors hall was formed.

The main difference of Mirrors and traditional residence hall wings is that the women on Mirrors are committed to meet once a week for a two-hour gathering, in which some aspect of personal and relational growth is taught, discussed, or applied in an activity. Our mission is to gain tools to improve and enhance present and future relationships. We have learned and practiced ideas about personality types, group consensus, communication, relationships, and our role in the world community.

Contrast to the OUR VIEW'S description, we have not isolated ourselves from the campus-wide community. For instance, the women on the Mirror's hall have different majors ranging from Christian Education to Business and are all involved in many different campus organizations. As a hall, we also took part in the homecoming banner contest sponsored by SGA. Also, at the end of last semester, we put together a campus-wide 2¢ for hunger project, which raised about $325 for the New Castle City Rescue Mission. As any community aspiring to be healthy and functional, we realize that it is dangerous for any group of human beings to completely isolate themselves from the larger world community. All campus women were and are allowed to apply for the Mirrors hall. Upon applying, the women do not all know one another, which allows for each woman to learn about others in a more structured and committed way than she would on a traditional hall. Therefore, the Mirrors community is bridging the gap between diversity and unity.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Marquette

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to two things: the acts of vandalism on this campus, and the actions of the security guards following them.

First, the vandalism. I do not know who is responsible for breaking into my car- yes, my car- on Thursday morning, but it is the second time it has happened, and I am fed up. The people responsible seem to not only have the maturity level of a bunch of five-year-olds, but the intelligence as well. If breaking into vehicles and shoving them into the creek is the best they can come up with as entertainment in the middle of the week, then they obviously need to return to kindergarten and learn how to play nicely with others.

Secondly, the security on this campus is a joke. My car has been broken into a second time in the past year, and the best response I have received was several security guards treating me with something less than the respect I deserve, not quite able to hide the humor they seem to find in my personal property being violated. I am not certain how I can expect to place any faith in my safety on this campus when security cannot seem to behave in a professional manner befitting their occupation. Therefore, I ask any and all students who may know anything about what happened to my car, please come forward. We already have some leads as to who may be responsible, but if anyone has any additional information, don't hesitate. You may find this situation humorous right now, but if it happens to you, I guarantee you won't be laughing.

Sincerely,

Nicole McDorman

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E-mail letter to: **holcad@westminster.edu.**

Dear Editor,

As the future resident assistant of the Education Hall, I wish to express a few views of my own in response to "Our View: Campus unity" published in the March 22, 2002 edition of the Holcad.

First of all, it said, "next year, there is to be a hall devoted to education majors." The hall was offered to ALL students interested in education. Next year's hall is composed of majors ranging from elementary education to English to exploratory. A campus-wide email was sent to all students to ensure everyone was aware of the hall, so I do not believe we shut people out as stated in the editorial. As with any organization or activity, sometimes, people do not meet the requirements.

Second, I do not understand how the Education Hall is causing segregation on campus. It is part of a residence hall in which the members will be encouraged to attend all-building socials and campus-wide speakers/programs. The attitude of "I'm going to sit in my hall with people exactly like me" is an absurd assumption and will not be tolerated.

The intention of the Education Hall is to provide a support system for those who desire to learn more about education. The support system will unify the hall and prepare residents to enter a diverse world. Education is geared toward meeting the needs of a diverse population, so please note that diversity will not be forgotten on the hall.

According the editorial, "in the 'real world' you don't get to choose your neighbors and they don't get to choose you," implying that on the Education Hall residents may select their neighbors. Just like the rest of campus, members will go through a room drawing process. It is invalid to claim that residents of a theme floor are ALWAYS "able to dictate who live[s] next door." In preparing for the publication, you failed to acknowledge that residents of non-theme halls also choose to live near friends; squatting is a popular option on campus.

At the end of the editorial, students are encouraged to live on other floors so they may "learn more about other beliefs, ideas, and opinions that they may not find in their already pre-established groups." I believe theme communities promote the above quote more than any regular floor at Westminster College.

In no way do I wish to overlook concerns about the Education Hall. I accept others' criticisms of it, but the points in this editorial are ridiculous and invalid reasons for not living on a theme floor.

Sincerely,

Kathy L. Shelenberger

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Panic Room

Brad Dell

Contrary to popular relief, *Panic Room* is not the one room of his compound Yassir Arafat is allowed to have lunch in, or the cave Osama Bin Laden trims his beard in, or the undisclosed location Dick Chaney watches incessant "All In the Family" reruns in.

No, *Panic Room* is the number one movie in the nation right now, a super-Hollywood thriller starring Ms. Clarice for all time, Jodie Foster.

Foster plays a New York mother, recently separated from her very wealthy husband. The opening shots reveal Foster house-hunting with her child played by Kristen Stewart.

They find and purchase an enormous four-story brownstone on the upper west side. Besides being almost completely white (more sterile than Al Gore's sense of humor), the house is completely normal ... except for one thing. Located adjacent to the master bedroom is a secret room, called a panic room, which is completely impenetrable. Not only that, but it has surveillance monitors that show every square inch of the house at all times.

Shockingly enough (not really) there's where the flick goes a little off the deep end of believability. Just as mom and daughter fall asleep on the first night in their new house, three crooks (played by Forest Whitaker, Jared Leto and Dwight Yokum) break into the mansion to collect a fortune that has been left there. Of course Foster grabs her daughter and locks them both in the panic room... just in the nick of time. (The film could have been called nick of time, because like all suspense flicks, split-second saving grace is the name of the game.)

The rest of the movie is a tug of wit-war between Foster and the bad guys (particularly the "I want your money, but I'm not gonna harm you" quasi-bad guy played by Whitaker.)

I have been eagerly anticipating this film because director David Fincher, whose last few films, *Fight Club* and *Se7en*, have done more than tickle my cinematic fancy. In those two gems, Fincher broke the rules of cinematography and storytelling by warping camera angles, revitalizing noir lighting, and directing actors to a new level of serio-comic genius. (But alas...Brad Pitt was in no Panic to be in this Room.)

Fincher employs some of these same tricks to create the necessary panic. He marks the inciting moment of the plot with one such masterful trip of genius. This trip is a continuous camera shot that zooms out from a close up of Foster sleeping on her bed on the fourth floor, then tracks down the stairway to the front door, where it goes through the keyhole to see the burglars outside. On its way, the camera goes through a railing, and through the handle of a coffee pot. The shot lasts several minutes, goes through floors, doors, wall, windows, etc. It's incredibly unnerving, and technically superb.

Another great nick of time moment comes about half way through the film, when Fincher slows the action down to a super slow motion that had the entire audience almost vomiting in anxious anticipation. Fincher lit the film slightly brighter than darkness, and kept an almost constant green filter on the camera to illuminate the nearly night vision goggle sense of the audience's view. This combined with the vast maze-like makeup of the house creates a frenzied mood of suspense and ... well ... panic.

Fincher, however, did not have the *Se7en* or *Fight Club* luxury to start off with a brilliant script. I began this review saying that *Panic Room* is a super-Hollywood thriller. Considering that screenwriter David Koepp wrote some of the biggest blockbusters in the last decade (*Jurassic Park, The Lost World, Mission: Impossible,* and the soon to be flocked-to *Spider-Man*), it's no wonder that *Panic Room* simply drips with conventional, mainstream, Hollywood syrup and honey.

It is pumped full of ridiculously unwitty one-liners (mostly delivered by a terribly annoying and grungy Leto). And from the little that I've told you, you can probably already guess the film's terribly predictable conclusion ... *Carrie, Perfect Murder, Along Came a Spider* anyone?

It's hard to talk about character development, because much of the movie is one suspense moment after another. Other than Leto, no one else completely depressed my sensitive actor psyche. But I found no one particularly stimulating either. The acting in this film doesn't even dare compare with some of the brilliant turns of other Fincher stars like Pitt and Morgan Freeman in *Se7en* or Pitt and Ed Norton in *Fight Club*. Those are performances at the plateau of acting splendor. Foster and Whitaker are adequate enough, I guess.

One final note: small children, even if they are accompanied by their parents should not be allowed to come to R-rated suspense films. Take it from me, one angry theatre goer, who had to experience a movie called *PANIC ROOM* with a toddler, an infant and their two rude, arrogant upper-middle class, middle aged, waspy parents sitting in the FIRST ROW. Have some sense people ... get a babysitter or wait 'til it comes out on video.

Panic Room receives 2 and a half screams from the brat in the front row.

Tyler Domske

This week Bradison and I decided to review David Fincher's *Panic Room*, one of the most anticipated spring movies by yours truly next to *Attack of the Clones*. *Panic Room* is the first offering by supercool Fincher since the 1999 supercool work of genius *Fight Club*.

After nearly a three-year hiatus, Fincher's film has some pretty high expectations, especially when one looks at his body of previous work: the already mentioned, though never mentioned enough *Fight Club, The Game, Se7en, Alien 3,* and even, rather oddly, the videos to Madonna's "Vogue" and "Express Yourself."

Fincher is a unique director who has a visual style quite unlike any other. His topics are (aside from the Madonna videos) focused on the dark, dirty elements of society. If you think about the four movies listed above, each one takes place nearly entirely at night, in the rain, or in the dark (the notable exception is the gut wrenching climactic finale to *Se7en*), and are set in some of the dirtiest, darkest corners of society.

Panic Room sees Fincher in his usual haunt of darkness, as the whole of the movie takes place in the course of one suspense-filled evening. Gone however, is much of the seediness from his earlier film settings.

Room takes place entirely in a bare upper class town house in New York City. The film follows Jodie Foster's character, a newly-divorced mom of a teen-age girl, who is buying the town house with the alimony from her rich ex-husband. The opening strains of the movie deal subtly and sweetly with the pains of divorce, the reestablishing of a new home, and the relationship between Foster and her daughter. This is only a prelude, however, as the real movie is about to start.

As the title tells us, the unique feature of this house is that it contains a "panic room," a room set off by several feet of concrete and steel, allowing the residents of the house to find a place to escape to in the event of home invasion or fire. The room has several TV monitors hooked to cameras throughout the house, as well as a phone that is separate from the rest of the house. From the very introduction of the room, it becomes clear to all in the theater (even to those in the theater next door watching *Return to Neverland*) that someone is going to break into this house, and we are going to get to see this room in action.

The movie really jumps into gear when three looming figures, played by Forest Whitaker, Jared Leto and Dwight Yoakam (sans tight pants), descend upon the house to do evil deeds. Suddenly Foster and her daughter are forced into the panic room, and as the commercials unfortunately tell you, what the burglers want is in that room. If you want to know more, you're going to have to pay for it.

This movie is filled with suspense, some amazing CG/live action directed shots, and some fine acting. Foster is frankly, always great, and she didn't slip up at all here. She portrays a woman who is all at once terrified, vulnerable and strong as convincingly as this reviewer thinks is possible. Nicole Kidman was actually set up to play Foster's role originally, but thank Jehosephat that she hurt her knee prancing about on the *Moulin Rouge* set, making her unavailable to taint this movie. Whitaker conveys a lazy-eyed brilliance, Leto is great as a mouthy rich kid with Timberlake corn rows, and Yoakam is truly terrifying as the mysterious Raoul.

The movie in the end is quite entertaining, very suspenseful, and doesn't ever leave the realms of believability, which is refreshing for once. It doesn't, however, have the same pizzazz as some of Fincher's previous. I had expected a bit more shocking and groundbreaking material. Though the movie is fabulous, it doesn't quite live up to some of the expectations of a Fincher film.

Grade: B+ (though C+ for a Fincher film)

Worth: Definitely a matinee one, or dollar theater if you are saving to get married, but see it in a theater, it's really worth the big screen.

Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel hosts Lennon exhibit

By Beth Staley
A&E Editor

On March 22, 23, and 24, Yoko Ono and The Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel joined forces to present a special art exhibit called "Come Together: The Artwork of John Lennon."

Known primarily as a Beatle, Lennon was actually an artist first. On their wedding day, Lennon presented Ono with the Bag One portfolio of wedding drawings and controversial erotic works. Ono offered Lennon a series of sketchbooks so he could chronicle their life together. It is this collection of artwork that Ono brought to Pittsburgh in March.

"People go into this exhibit not knowing what to expect, and they come out with an overwhelming feeling for John and Yoko's relationship," Bonnie Diver of Channel 97FM WRRK said.

Included in this exhibition are limited edition lithographs, serigraphs and copper etchings hand reproduced from the original drawings. Each edition is limited, signed by Ono, and comes with a certificate of authenticity from the Lennon Estate guaranteeing that no more will be released. The very rare Bag One lithographs are signed and numbered by Lennon.

So, what does Lennon's artwork look like? Although I encourage you to attend one of his exhibits and check out his art at www.johnlennonartwork.com, I will tell you about the show. His primary medium was line drawing with pen, pencil, or Japanese sumi ink. Like many Asian artists, Lennon signed his work with an individual, patent stamp known as a chop. He designed his chop, hand-stamped in red on each edition, to read "Like a Cloud, Beautiful Sound." Likewise, Ono invites people to, "Listen to the Art."

Lennon's quick, organic lines contain music. He chooses his lines like his lyrics, and they can be simple, complex, humorous and thought-provoking. He uses the line confidently; each sweep or squiggle of the pen is direct. His lines, like his music, seem to know something larger than him or us. It is also interesting to note where he signed his name or drew his face secretly in the grass or clouds of a particular work. The famous line drawing of Lennon's face is called the Jiban symbol, and he often hid it within a drawing, like some sort of secret.

In many of the editions, Ono added watercolor. One collection of works was titled "Real Love Drawings for Sean." Lennon made these drawings for his son Sean in order to teach him things about love, life and learning. Many of these drawings involve a humorous play on words and images.

In his drawing, "A Bird Dreaming," Lennon wanted to show what happens when we dream. The bird, drawn with broken dashes, seems like it is blinking in and out of this world happily. This set of drawings has just been published in a book called "Real Love" by Lennon.

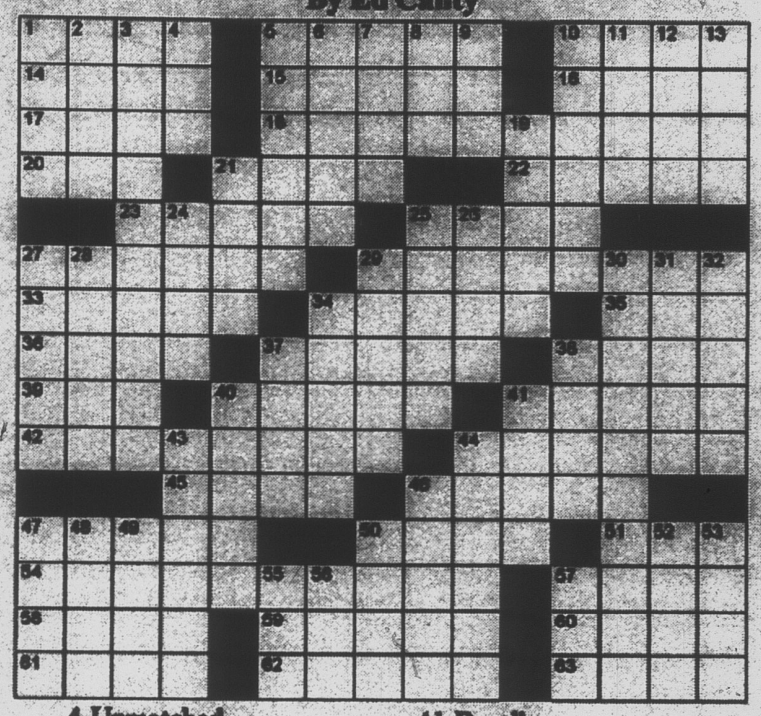
Whether overcome with laughter or reflective silence, people were obviously touched by Lennon's artwork.

Well, now that you've had your dose of Lennon, perhaps you're interested in the woman who shares him so generously. Ono also has an exhibit of her own work called "Yes Yoko Ono." Go find out about it: www.japansociety.org.

Crossword 101

Blended Cities

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

If you would be known, and not know, vegetate in a village; if you would know, and not be known, live in a city.

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to consider the difference between balance and basic stagnation ... and to take note of just what state you are really in. You tend to be critical of yourself, and judging yourself so harshly could be holding you back from bigger and better things.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
A loved one may unknowingly hurt your feelings this week. Let that person know what hurt you, and how to avoid such problems in the future. A personal philosophy you hold dear may be questioned, so try to go with the flow.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Perfection is nonexistent, so don't expect as much from yourself and those around you. Stop being so critical and learn to be good to yourself and to others. Follow your hunches this week, you will be glad you did, or sorry you didn't. Delegate responsibilities.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Your belief system may seem to be disintegrating before your eyes, and although this does not seem to be good news at the present time, it will in the long run. Take advantage of the support and care family members want to give you ... family has always been there for you.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Try to set aside time during the week to explore any new ways of self-expression, you may uncover creative avenues that you never had previously thought of. Spend some time alone.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Facing the truth in a situation may not be as damaging as you may think. Relax into the newness and you will find that it really isn't so bad. Someone may put you in your place if you monopolize others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Gather all that excessive and positive energy to get a task accomplished this week--it's no use putting off what needs to be done eventually. Do not get caught up in a situation going no where. You can accomplish quite a bit if you put your heart to it.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
It's time for a well-deserved rest this week. Along with rest should come introspection. Pay attention to any health matters, no matter how trivial they may seem. Romance may be on hold for the time being until you review your feelings and options for how you want to proceed.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
This week you probably come to some important conclusions regarding the best use of your money. Lively discussions with family members will bring new information to the group. Be cautious of letting another know your feelings, you may just need to sit on this one awhile.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any information you may be able to glean from a family member, no matter how authoritarian this figure may seem, will be well worth any discomfort. Daydreams serve a useful function, but try not to get caught up in fantasies. Financial juggling is in order.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You may be able to teach another the lesson of focusing energies to profitable ends. You have good ideas for the workplace, but you need to soften your approach so you don't turn off others. A cherished part of your life is coming apart at the seams.

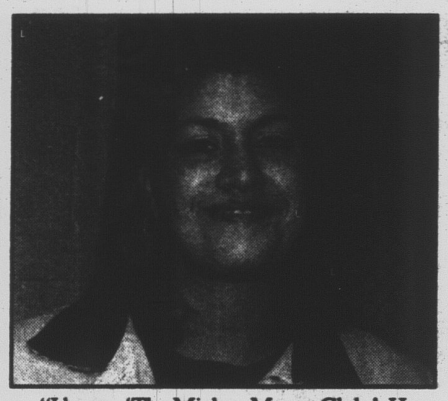
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Bask in the admiration of others for a job well done, and then start a clean slate. Time alone can be a real treat, so surround yourself with quiet, beauty and serenity. If you are working only for money, find additional work that will leave you satisfied.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are unusually witty, adventurous, skillful and personable-so use this to your advantage. Social happenings will lead you to new friends who will liven up your life and boost your morale.

FEATURE

Question of the week: Favorite TV show?

What was your favorite TV program growing up? How did the theme song go?



"I know, 'The Mickey Mouse Club.' How does that go? *M I C, see you real soon. K E Y, Why? Because we like you. M O U S E.*" – **Darcy Sutton, junior**

"'The Smurfs.' You've got to love them. I think it's *La La La La La La.*" – **Austin Ray, sophomore**

"When I was real little I liked 'Reading Rainbow.' I'm amazed that it's still on and there are new episodes. *I can go anywhere. Take a look. It's in a book, Reading Rainbow.*" – **Amanda Pinkney, junior**

"I am thinking of 'Growing Pains.' No, 'Full House' was my favorite. And yeah I remember their theme songs. *Show me the smile...*" – **Lauren Perkins, sophomore**

"It was 'Voltron.' It was kind of … I remember how it sounded. It told a story of how the five lions came together to form Voltron. All I know is that a robot's voice at the end says 'Voltron, defender of the universe.'" – **Nevin Baker, junior**

"'The Cosby Show' by far is my favorite TV program then and now. They have different theme songs though. My favorite was when it was tropical and they all just kind of danced around and all the kids put their hands in front of his face. And all of a sudden they would move their hands and it would be like TAH DAH." – **Melissa Batulis, junior**

"'Growing Pains' with Alan Thicke, Kirk Cameron, Joanna Kerns, Tracey Gold. Jeremy Miller was the blond guy. I am trying to think how the tune goes. And what was that one, 'Family Ties' with Michael J. Fox." – **Kev Copper, library technical assistant**

"'CBS evening news.' Dan Rather rocks. Dallas was cool too." **Chris Nave, junior**

"I would say 'Scooby-Doo.' *Scooby-Doo, where are you?*" – **Tiffany Wray, junior**

"I would have to say 'Saved by the Bell.' I can't really remember the theme song." - **Donny Waldron, freshman**

Your Student Government Association

By Erica Hink
Contributing Writer

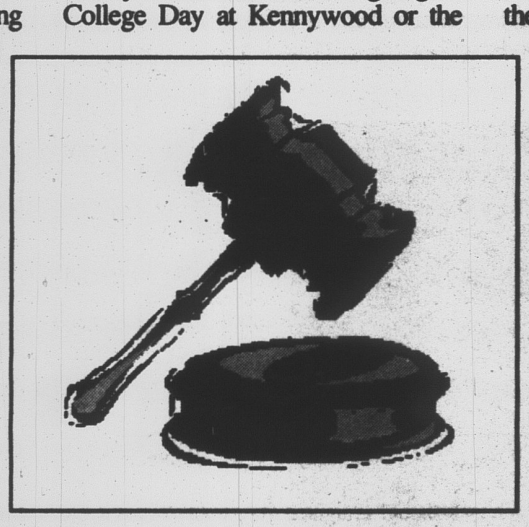
The Student Government Association held its second meeting with the new senate Wednesday night.

Volley Rock will be held on May 4. Team sign-ups will be April 10-12 and April 15-19 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. in the dining hall and from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the TUB. More details will be coming soon. Also, for a chance to win $25, you can try to design this year's Volley Rock t-shirt. Send designs to Christina Atkins, Box 6445.

Interviews to become a member of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 16. Two positions are open this year. If you are interested, an e-mail with more information will be sent out soon.

Audits of campus organizations will be April 23-25 from 5-9 p.m. A conference will be held on April 9 for all organization presidents and treasurers to discuss guidelines and set up times for the audits.

If you are interested in going to College Day at Kennywood or the Pirates game, tickets are still available. Contact Carolee Reed, special events chair, for more information.



Elections were held for positions on faculty committees. Ian Durham was elected to the Curriculum Development Committee, Jeff Lagios to the Religious Life Council, Jason Cooper to the Student Publications Board, Jess Rummell to the Judicial Board, Amanda Oliveri to the College Appeals Board, Russ Mills to the Outcomes Assessment Advisory Committee, Mike Schnetz to the Student Life and Athletic Council, Jess Young to the Enrollment Management Committee, and Russ Mills was also elected to the interview panel for the Board of Trustees.

This weekend in the Down Under, Phi Mu will be hosting a karaoke event followed by JT's café.

Some events that CPC is looking into are two more Night Owl Bowling events on April 13 and 27. Also, for next semester, they are planning on having another drive-in movie, a Gateway Clipper cruise, a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre and swing dance lessons.

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

As students ages 18-22 (give or take a few years), we have a lot to think about. What are we going to be when we "grow up" is probably the most important question we ask ourselves. I don't know about everyone else, but I pondered a few questions over the holidays that may not be as important, but are worth considering anyway.

Do you still dress up for Halloween or carve pumpkins? Do you still put milk and cookies out for Santa at Christmas time? Do you still decorate Easter Eggs and get an Easter basket? What I'm getting at is: What is the cutoff age to still enjoy doing some of these so-called "childish" traditions on certain holidays?

Because I am the youngest in my family, I have tried hard to hold onto some of these traditions. Because I am now well past the teenage years, I'm beginning to wonder if I should just let some of them go. My parents surely won't be heartbroken if I decide not to dye Easter eggs.

My parents no longer arrange me an Easter basket. Instead, they hand my brother and I some money. So when my mom asked me if she had to go purchase Easter egg dye for me this year, I had to really think about it. Do I finally give up this tradition and act my age?

I no longer go trick or treating - I gave that up at about age 16. I do, however, miss trick or treating. Halloween is probably my favorite holiday and although I'll get "dressed up" to go to a party, I secretly wish I was young enough to go door to door for candy.

I haven't put cookies out for Santa since I was 10, even though I'd like to think Santa is a real person (even if I was deathly afraid of him when I was younger).

For some reason, though, I have consistently dyed Easter eggs every year for as long as I can remember. But this year, I didn't and I regret that I chose not to.

I chose not to out of convenience rather than out of some deep subconscious realization that I am no longer a child. I simply did not have time to do it. But I have already made up my mind to return home next Easter from wherever I may be and dye Easter eggs. Not so much for myself but for the sake of tradition.

So to answer the questions at the top of this column, I do not think there is a definite cut-off age. In fact, I'd like to think that with the exception of this Easter, that I'll be dyeing Easter eggs every year for the rest of my life, regardless of whether or not I have children. To heck with acting like an adult.

Although we are supposed to act like "adults" most of the time, I see no reason why that should infringe upon tradition. What is so wrong with acting half your age every now and again? I wouldn't have any fun if I acted my age all of the time.

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Safe ways to enjoy nature

By Elisa Suber
Staff Writer

As spring takes a firmer hold on the campus, more students will be making their way outside to enjoy the nice weather.

John Lechner, assistant dean of student affairs and public safety, has suggestions for people who enjoy athletics. He recommends intramural sports and Titan Traverse as two possible outdoor activities.

Physical education classes are also offered for those who enjoy being outdoors. Tennis and power walking are great ways to spend time outside, and they fulfill the school's gym requirement.

Sophomore Kate Sweeney agrees that investing one's time in outdoor gym classes is worthwhile. However, she suggests that a bicycling class should also be offered. "Bicycling is one of the things I really miss about being at home," she said.

Students who are not athletic can participate in activities such as painting the Rock by the lake, sunbathing or walking with friends. This allows students to break away from the daily routine to relax and have fun.

If putting away the books is not an option this semester, studying outside is a possible alternative for students who are bored with the library scene.

Lechner encourages students to make the most out of their free time while respecting campus property. He said that outdoor activities can be a positive thing, when done civilly. "There are not a lot of risky outdoor activities, unless you get into stuff like 'just hanging out' late at night," he said.

Plants add more than decoration

By Libby Mucciarone
Staff Writer

Now that Christmas lights are permitted only during the appropriate season, students seek new interior decorating options for dorm rooms.

With few decorating options, small plants may be the answer. According to Beate Schwirtlich on www.yougrowgirl.com, houseplants make people more receptive, calmer and less stressed.

"The pleasant feelings we get from being close to nature can actually improve our health," she said.

Plants relieve stress and purify the air. "Plants produce oxygen while consuming carbon dioxide and filter toxins from the air, specifically Trichloroethylene, Formaldehyde and Benzene," she said.

Based on a NASA study, Schwirtlich added that spider plants and pothos efficiently clean the air. These plants also brave the dormitory life well. "Certain plants thrive in adversity," she said.

"It is a fundamental fact that light is for plants what food is for humans. You can talk to it, you can sing to it, you can love it, you can water it, but without light, it's going to die," Paul Skuta from Weingartner Flowers and Gifts said.

"It's nice to have living things in my room," sophomore Elizabeth Wallace said. "It makes it seem like a home, not a prison cell."

Maintenance is easy. "I water my plants a lot because it's so dry in the dorm rooms, and I specifically buy houseplants that are hard to kill," Wallace said.

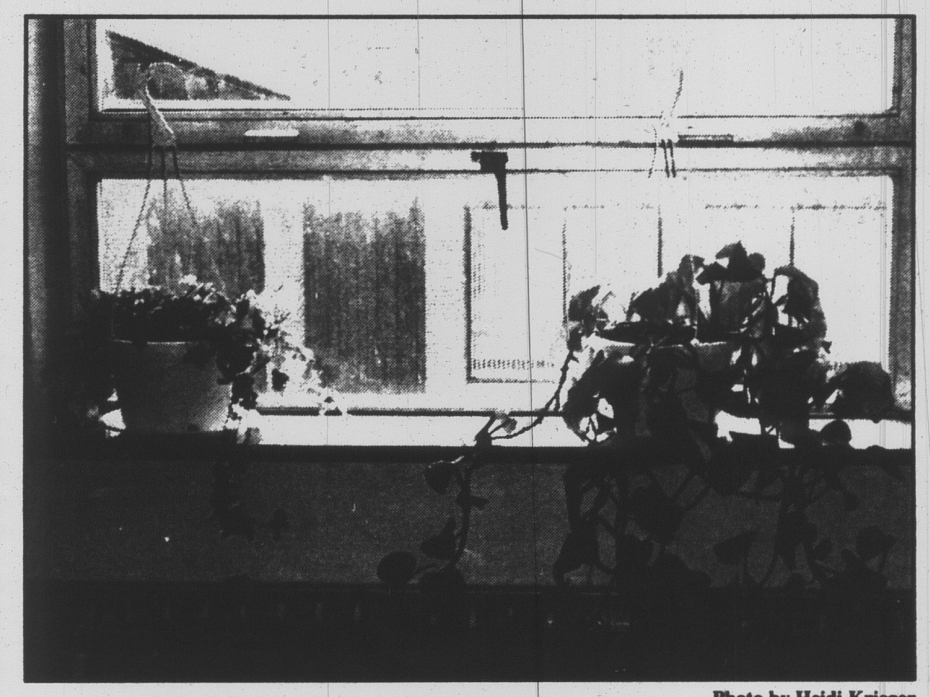

Photo by Heidi Krieger
Water and sunlight are essential to keeping plants alive.

The spider plant, known for surviving stuffy interiors, is a popular indoor plant for dormitories, Schwirtlich said.

The African violet also adapts well. It blooms multiple times per year and is uninhibited by seasonal differences. It grows best in a shallow bowl of tepid water away from windows.

Pothos, or Devil's Ivy, thrives as a fast-growing plant. According to Jane Souba from www.student.com, it survives in indirect sunlight with a weekly watering.

Students can purchase houseplants at Weingartner Flowers and Gifts in New Castle.

Late night TV: There's nothing on

By Jon McKay
Staff Writer

I couldn't sleep the other night. So I did what I do every night when I can't sleep, I watch bad TV. As I'm sure most of you can attest, there is no shortage of bad television in the early morning hours on the channels we get. Since I have the good fortune of living in a single room, I have the luxury of watching it as late as I want, and as loudly as I want.

So there I was, 2:45 a.m. I was almost through "Sportscenter" for the third time in a row. I practically had it memorized, so it was time to move on. "Rosanne" was on channel three, and she is about as funny as a tornado warning.

Ooh, here we go, Siamese twin crocodiles (or is it Siamese crocodile twins?) on "Animal Planet." Pass. Of course channels 28 and 29 are no help; I don't know why I still even stop at those ones. The five channels that have already gone off the air offer even less help. Channel 8 had a "Jay Leno" repeat with Janet Reno as the first guest. I was about as interested in watching that as I am in attending proctology school.

VH1, for the 18th time in the past two hours, was showing that stupid Dave Matthews video where the moron hugs everyone. We get it, you like New York, we're united, etc. I'm pretty sure the terrorists will promise no more attacks if VH1 promises not to play that video anymore. Who can I talk to about working out a deal?

Ah, a quality exercise infomercial on channel five, the Mecca of the infomercial world. This is the epitome of bad t.v. *New Jack City* was on TBS. I've loved this movie since I first saw it in my "minorities in the criminal justice system" class during my freshman year. Unfortunately, it's not an option, because it's the edited version. Here's a film trying to show the evils of drug addiction, but in this version, you can't even see anyone doing drugs. You just get to hear some guy's voice trying to sound like Wesley Snipes saying, "Freak you!" over and over.

Color of Night with Bruce Willis was showing on TNT. That would have been alright if it too were the unedited version, and I was 15. But of course, it wasn't, and I'm not. So I headed for the good ol' USA network, hoping to find a late-night showing of "Martin," starring the most underrated comedic genius of our time, Martin Lawrence.

Instead, I found a typical USA movie. The first thing I saw was a man obviously in a closed coffin. He had just opened his eyes and realized where he was. Buried alive. He began struggling. Immediately, I started struggling with him. I was thrashing around, punching the air. He's stuck for sure. Oh man, that would be the worst. I wanted to turn the channel, but of course, this is something you have to watch.

I'll spare you the details, but he got out. (Had I given you the details, they would have included the fact that he punched through the roof of the coffin, and the fact that the coffin was buried about four inches under the ground. I'm guessing it was the work of lazy cemetery workers and corner-cutting undertakers.)

Anyway, after he struggles to freedom, he immediately runs back to his house, and for some reason, instead of going to the door, he looks in the window first, only to see his wife sharing strawberries and more with another man. Which I'm sure is just what you want to see after you've come back from the dead. The man runs away into the night.

So naturally I started thinking about what I'd do if everyone thought I was dead. And it occurred to me this guy did it all wrong. Here he is, in the same clothes everyone saw him get buried in, covered in mud, that creepy white mortuary make-up on, and no one expecting him to be alive. The possibilities are endless.

OK, first I'm going somewhere where I can use my name. Maybe to Giant Eagle to rent a movie, maybe to get a speeding ticket, or maybe to use my American Express to buy five bucks worth of gas. Just to see the employee's reaction when he reads the credit authorization screen.

"Uh, it says here that you're deceased?"

"Yeah, what a shame," I'll say as I take my card back.

Next stop, the house of someone who I'm sure was at my funeral but who is annoying. Here's where the fun starts. I could call him and say there is a package at the front door and hide behind a bush until he opens it. I could wait outside by the car until he had to go somewhere. Lots of stuff.

Now by this time word is probably getting out that I'm not really dead. But I have to make one last stop. Two maybe, it depends. First, to buy a newspaper. Then, if I don't like my obituary, a quick trip to visit the guy who wrote it. That should straighten things out.

By the time I completed my plan and decided to make a column out of it, it was 3:30. Three more channels have gone off the air, and VH1 has played the stupid Dave Matthews video seven more times. Channel five is still showing infomercials, as are channels 12, 15, 21, 23 and 26. But I strike gold with "Family Ties" on Nick at Nite. I love bad TV.

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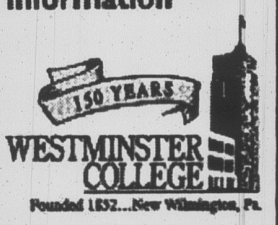

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MORAINE TRAILS COUNCIL of the Boy Scouts of America is accepting applications for the 2002 summer camp staff at Camp Bucoco in Slippery Rock. Many positions are available. For more information, contact Michael Kostic, camp director, at 1-800-808-1029 or e-mail boyscouts@morainetrails.org.

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AUDUBON SOCIETY of Western Pennsylvania has internships available at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve in Fox Chapel and Todd Sanctuary in Sarver. Stipends are available, but apply before the deadline of April 12. For more information, contact Patricia Harger at (412) 963-6100.

WESTERN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND CLINIC in Pittsburgh has summer employment and internship opportunities available in both the Summer Day Treatment Program and the JCC Summer Inclusion Program. The JCC Summer Inclusion Program runs from June 24 to Aug. 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. five days per week. The Summer Day Treatment Program will operate June 26-Aug. 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. five days per week. Interested candidates should apply by April 10. Send your resume via U.S. Mail, e-mail, or FAX to: Jerry Wessell, LSW, recruitment manager, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, 3811 O'Hara St., Room E503, Pittsburgh PA 15213, e-mail wesseljh@msx.upmc.edu. or fax (412) 624-8764. The Career Center has detailed descriptions of both programs.

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HOUSING IN NEW YORK CITY: Bernard College offers summer housing at moderate rates to interns, associates, and students from June 3 until August 3. Applications for summer housing are now online at www.barnard.edu/sumprog/ or e-mail them at nysummer@barnard.edu.

THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT is looking for three summer interns in the Safety Program. Interns will be responsible for inspections and sample collections at summer lunch sites throughout Allegheny County. This 25-30 hour-per-week position conducts it work Monday-Friday, pays $8.50 per hour, and runs from mid-June to mid-August. A car is needed for this position, but mileage will be reimbursed. For more information, contact Mike Diskin at (412) 578-7933 or e-mail mdiskin@achd.net. Interested students should forward resumes to Allegheny County Health Department, Food Safety Program, 3901 Penn Ave., Building 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1318.

THE JULLIARD SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY has a Professional Intern Program for summer. The Career Center has a booklet or you may contact them directly at (212) 799-5000 EXT. 7102 or e-mail htayntol@juilliard.edu.

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SLIPPERY ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Ellwood City is looking for a youth leader to serve Sept. 2002 through May 2003. This position pays $50 per week and Act 34 clearance is required. The position involves teaching a Sunday school class, attending the church service and leading the youth group on Sunday evenings. For more information, contact Pam Maloney at (724) 752-8892.

WALT DISNEY ENTERTAINMENT is holding auditions in Pittsburgh at the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park College April 6 and 7. Disney Cruise Line and Tokyo Disney Resort are auditioning singers, dancers, actors, and musical theater performers for stage shows and events. Visit the audition site at www.Disneycareers.com or call the audition hotline at (407) 397-3220 and press option 5.

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SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS has an excellent volunteer opportunity for Westminster students. 3 Clean-Up dates, lasting approximately four hours, Saturday mornings in the spring and summer. Clean-Up days are always followed by a picnic lunch, giving students the chance to meet and interact with other area citizens. The Career Center has further information or you may contact them directly at 724-342-5453 or shenangoriver@hotmail.com.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 5
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW (if approved, $15)
Student Scholars Undergraduate Conference
Westminster's 150th on the Road: Lawrence & Mercer Counties
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Baseball @ Waynesburg
3:30 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Waynesburg (H)
8:00 p.m. Phi Mu Philanthropy Karoake Event - Down Under
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 6
Student Scholars Undergraduate Conference
Westminster's 150th on the Road: Pittsburgh Area
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field Titan Invitational (H)
Sigma Kappa Spring Retreat - Down Under
10:30 a.m. Men's Tennis @ Grove City
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Waynesburg (H)
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital: Donna Macurdy - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Jon Repp (comic) - Down Under
Kappa Delta Formal

SUNDAY 7
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - Turn clocks ahead one hour
LOCAL SPRING FLING
2:00 p.m. Mortar Board Induction Service - Chapel
3:00 p.m. Orchestra Concert - Orr Auditorium
3:30 p.m. Westminster College Orchestra Concert - Orr Auditorium
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Artificial Intelligence* - Down Under

MONDAY 8
Men's Golf @ Washington & Jefferson Invitational
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
1:00 p.m. Women's Golf @ Washington & Jefferson College Invitational
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
7:30 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 9
REGISTRATION
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Washington & Jefferson
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Bethany (H)
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Men's/Women's Choral Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Strawberry Social Spring Recruitment Party - Down Under
9:00 p.m. RACT Meeting
10:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Initiation - Chapel

WEDNESDAY 10
REGISTRATION
Men's Golf @ Indiana (PA) Invitational
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Craig Caylor, "A Stressed Protein Crystal Gets a Little Tensor" - PH 311
3:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Opera Workshop Performance - Orr Auditorium
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 11
REGISTRATION
Men's Golf @ Thiel College Invitational
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Grove City
1:00 p.m. Women's Golf @ Thiel
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Thiel
5:30 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Down Under
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

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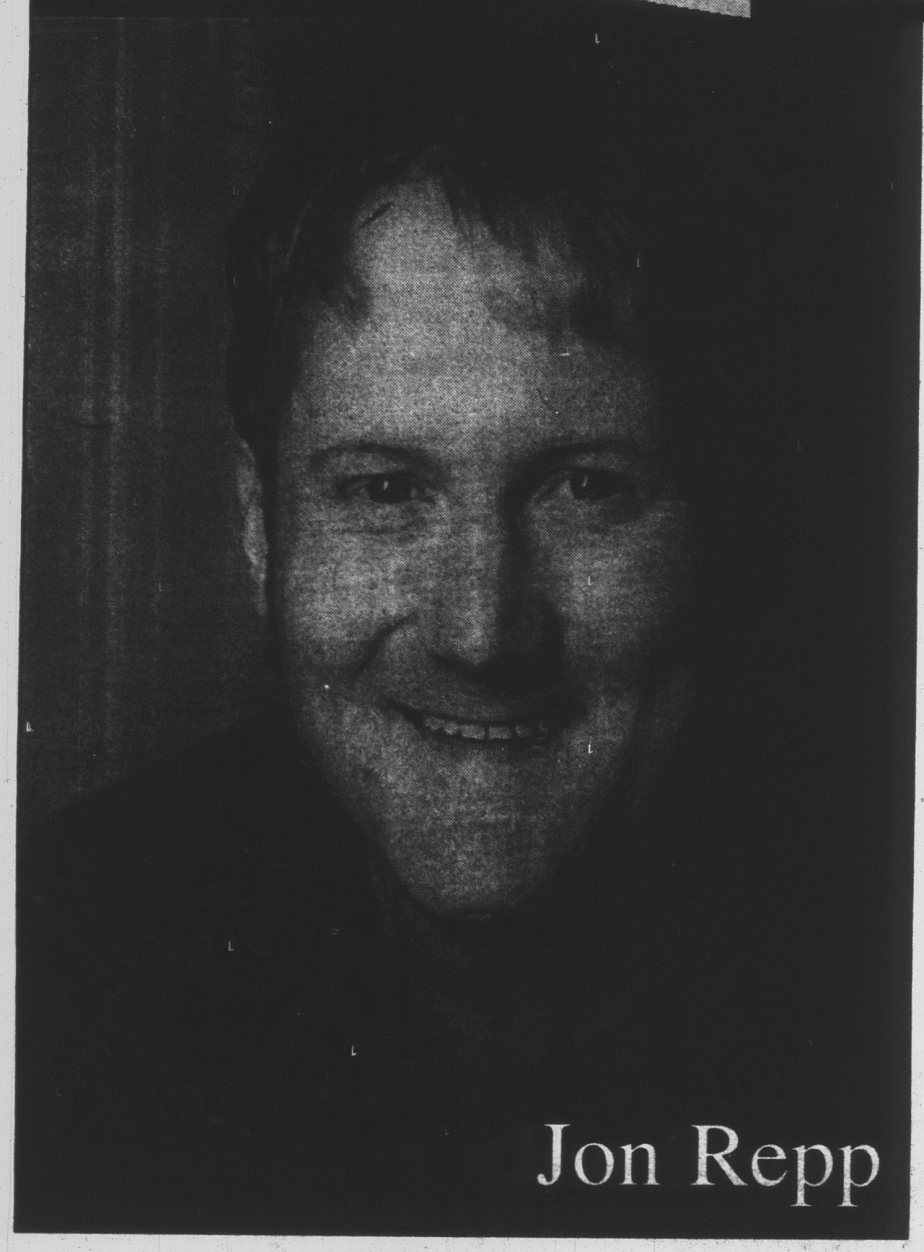

Weekend Schedule

April 5
8 p.m Phi Mu Philanthropy
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. JT's Cafe

April 6
8:00 p.m. Comic Jon Repp

April 7
9:00 p.m. Movie *A.I.*

Upcoming Events Spring '02

April 12 - PRSSA Event

April 13 - Comic Steve Byrne

April 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend

April 19 - JT's Cafe

April 26 - Feast 'n Fire

May 3 - JT's Cafe

May 4 - VolleyRock
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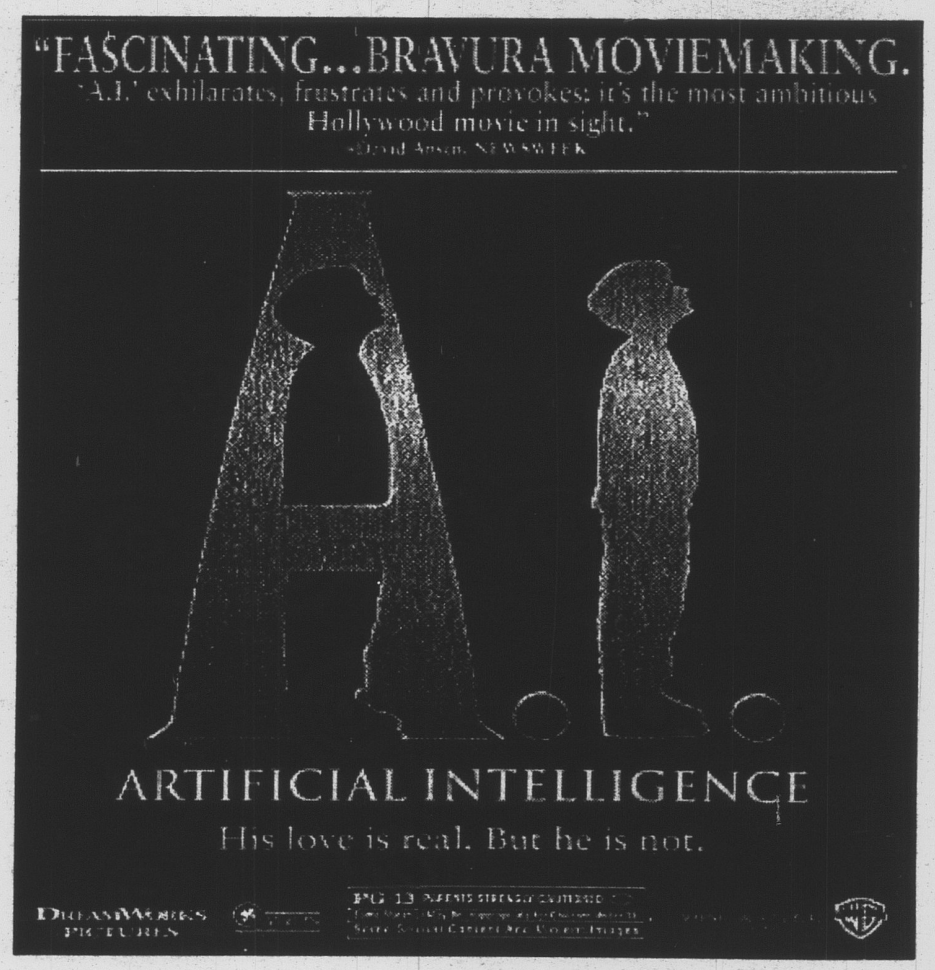

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Jive Odyssey wins Battle of Bands

Photo by Craig Carlin

Jive Odyssey won the $100 prize.

By Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

The concert choir organized The Battle of the Bands, which was called, "Unsigned and Unleashed," to raise money for an upcoming trip to Italy.

Judges Amber Cole, Diana Borowski, Tom Moore, Brian Pollit and Tiffanie Scilla judged the five rock bands that competed on Friday night. Tickets were $5, and the contest winner received a $100 cash prize. The bands Nights of Daze, Jive Odyssey, Arizona Bay, Station Wagon and Opposite of People each played for a half-hour.

"I enjoyed myself a lot. There were lots of different and creative kinds of music," sophomore Amanda Oliveri said.

Sophomore Jay Simons attended the show to support his fraternity brothers. "All of the bands were unique. None of them stood out as the best, and because of that they were all good in their own way," Simons said. "The difference in bands added a level of excitement. Each time a new band came out there was an energy flow that kept the audience engaged the whole night," he said.

"They should have it when there are less other activities on campus so as to draw a better crowd. There were so many things going on the same night," sophomore Eryn Lees said. Other suggestions were to lower ticket prices, have fewer bands or decrease time allotments. "Three hours is way too long," Oliveri said.

Though together for only two months, Jive Odyssey, a Pittsburgh-based band, won. Band members include Patrick Antonucci, Jeff Vacca, Anthony Molinaro and Matt Marcum. "We weren't really expecting to win. Usually local bands win these kinds of things and we're not local," Marcum said.

The band rehearses three times a week, and at least two members rehearse together daily. "Westminster rocked. We had a lot of fun," Marcum said.

Jive Odyssey will play at Duquesne University April 16 at 7 p.m. The show is free.

DeSalvo receives Steinway Artist Award

By Biz Adams
Staff Writer

Dr. Nancy DeSalvo recently joined the roster of the international Steinway Artists by winning the coveted award that only 1,261 people have received over the last 150 years. DeSalvo performs as a soloist, a professional accompanying pianist and a chamber music collaborator.

"It was such an overwhelming feeling when I found out that I received the Steinway Artist Award," DeSalvo said. "When I heard the list of other musicians who have received this award, I felt both honored and humbled to join their ranks."

Many famous artists are on the Steinway Award roster, including Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and Cole Porter. Some of today's Steinway Artists include Vladimir Ashkenazy, Billy Joel and Roger Williams.

About 18 months ago, DeSalvo began the submission process for the award. She submitted tapes of her playing, and programs from her past shows, and she also had to prove she owned a Steinway piano.

DeSalvo received the award on the night of her recital, when she performed on the piano the works of Haydn, Prokofiev, Debussy and Chopin.

"Usually a year goes into preparing for a recital, but I began practicing for this one in January. I was practicing six hours a day the week before the show," DeSalvo said.

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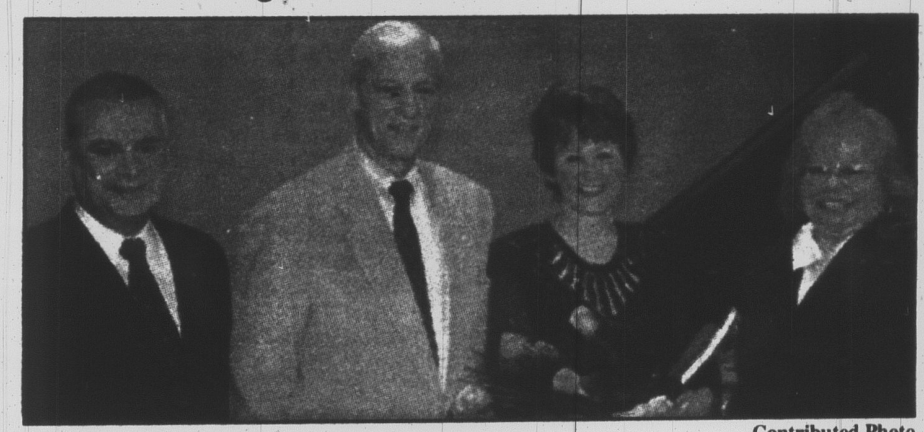

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Nancy DeSalvo (second from the right) received the award last Thursday.

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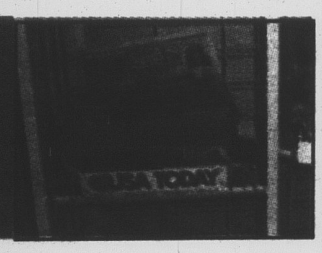

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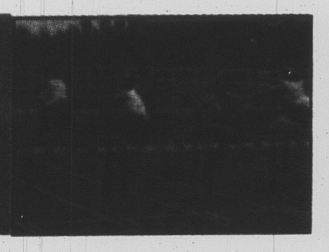

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CAMPUS NEWS

The Twelfth Night opens April 18

By Kevin Humberston
Staff Writer

During the third week of April, the theater department will present Shakespeare's comical production of *The Twelfth Night*, directed by Ilene Hendrickson.

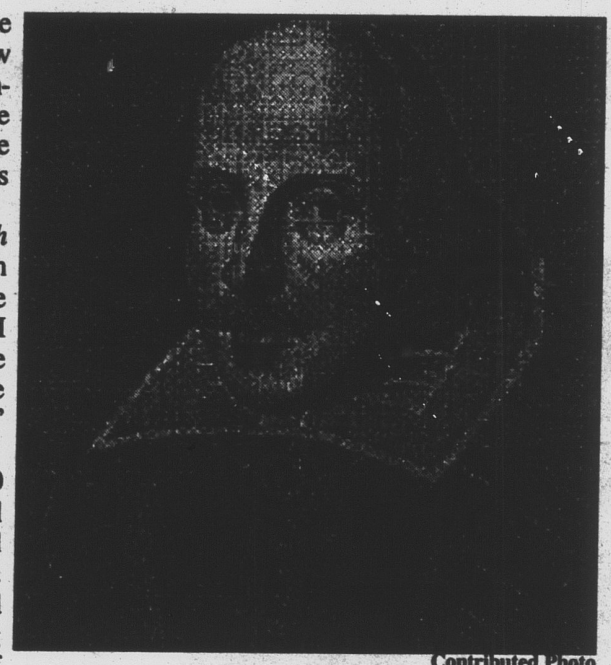
The play begins with a pair of twins, Sebastian and Viola who are separated in a shipwreck, each thinking the other is dead. Disguise, friendship and infatuation are some prominent themes in the play.

"This is the fourth play I've been in, and I think I have had more fun than ever before in rehearsals for this play. I can't wait until opening night. I have a feeling this musical is going to be extremely funny," said freshman Will Stover who plays Orsino.

"All of Shakespeare's musicals use a different kind of language, but I think everyone who attends the play will be surprised how easy it is to follow the language used throughout the musical," said sophomore Drew Huston who plays Feste the Clown.

"I was in *The Twelfth Night* my senior year of high school. It was an experience that I will never forget. I can't wait to go see Westminster's performance of this tremendous musical," junior B.G. Davison said.

Opening night is at 7:30 p.m. April 18. The play will also run at 7:30 p.m. April 19 and 20 and at 2 p.m. April 21. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased by calling Beeghly Theater the night of the play.



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William Shakespeare

Campus speed limit, 15 mph, is not posted

By Amanda Kengersky
Staff Writer

Campus does not have a definite speed limit. The roads surrounding the college have 25 mph or 35 mph speed limit signs, but no speed limit signs are posted on campus.

"I have no idea what the speed limits are on campus. Is there a speed limit?" junior Jen Petures said.

"Speed limits can be a difficult question on college campuses," said John Lechner, dean of safety and security. "While the roads on campus are privately owned by the college, they are still public highways." Defined by the state highway code, a highway "includes a roadway open to the use of the public for vehicular travel on grounds of a college or university."

State highways are regulated by both borough and state police. Borough police officers have the authority to issue speeding tickets on campus if speed limits are posted, but the borough has yet to set limits. Campus security as well as local police "have the authority to issue a ticket if someone is driving recklessly," Lechner said. If campus security issues a violation, it will be handled through the college's judicial system.

The traffic law section in the motor vehicle regulations pamphlet published by the college states that the speed limit on campus is 15 mph. However, with no signs stating this policy, students are unaware. "It would be extremely difficult and expensive for the college to post and enforce speeding issues on campus," Lechner said.

Tuition to increase about 12 percent

By Corrine Hoffman
Staff Writer

Tuition for the 2002-2003 academic year will increase from $16,920 to $18,100.

Tuition increases every year according to Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz, and the increase during the last three years has been very modest. This year's increase will be about 12 percent.

"Private schools are tuition-driven," Swartz said. Unlike state schools, private schools do not benefit from state dollars.

"We need to narrow the gap between expenses and revenue," Swartz said. "It costs more to educate a student than what we charge."

It is expensive to maintain the equipment in the smart classrooms, the computer labs and science labs. Maintaining the non-academic areas of campus is expensive too, Swartz said. The school is working on installing sprinkler systems in the dorms in accordance with new state laws. These installations explain the $260 increase in room fees.

"I'm poor, so the prospect of spending more money does not appeal to me," sophomore Logan Herlinger said. "I obviously do not agree with the large increase because it has been gradually increasing over the past three years," junior Krissy Arena said.

"Westminster's aid policy has been to guarantee students the aid they received their first year for four years," Financial Aid Director Robert Latta said. "Students will not see an increase in college-funded aid unless they have received Spring Honors Scholarships or they receive additional scholarship money from outside the college."

Latta also said that a cost increase makes awarding aid more difficult, and with a tuition increase, students' need for aid will increase. "Increased Pell grants and state grants, if the students qualify, will help," Latta said.

Some students accept the increase. "Well, I think that if the school is going to increase the tuition another $2,000 they need to give back more to the students and fix certain parts of the school up, like the cafeteria for one," freshman Mike Arrigo said.

"The only way we can ever improve our learning environment is by increasing tuition and being more selective in where our funds should be directed," junior Megan Ruefle said.

PRSSA's philanthropy concert to benefit cancer foundation

Several local musicians and bands will perform tonight in the Down Under from 7 to 10 p.m. in an effort to raise money for the families of terminally ill children.

The campus chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America organized the concert, titled "Turn Up the Volume, Turn Up the Heat," as part of a fundraising plan to benefit its philanthropy, Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Concert performers are Walnut Street Project, Silver Lace and Beth Staley. The cost of the event is $2 for PRSSA members who show membership cards and $3 for non-members. Door prizes will be included, and all profits will be donated to Candlelighters.

"Since this is our first time doing the concert, we're not quite sure what kind of turnout to expect or how much money will be raised," Courtney Panik said. Panik is the former treasurer for the PRSSA chapter and has been in charge of the concert plans. "Hopefully a lot of students will show up. The concert should be fun, plus it's for a great cause."

Candlelighters is an organization that raises money for the families of terminally ill children. The families use this money to offset costs associated with travel, hotel and other expenditures associated with prolonged and far-from-home hospital visits.

The campus PRSSA chapter adopted Candlelighters as its philanthropy about a year ago.

SWAT to begin recruiting new members for next year

By Bridgette Kennedy
Staff Writer

The Student Westminster Admissions Team will be recruiting new members for next year.

An informational meeting will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, in Phillips Lecture Hall. Applications will be handed out, and questions will be answered.

Applications are due to the Admissions Office by Monday, April 29. Interviews will be conducted during the week of April 29 to May 3. Interviews are mandatory, and are approximately 15 minutes long. Current members wishing to reapply are required to submit an application, but do not need to interview.

SWAT membership responsibilities include giving three tours a semester, greeting prospective students and their families in the Admissions Office for one hour every week, giving one tour per semester on a Campus Visitation Day, and possibly being asked to help with special projects such as phoning, letter writing and other events that benefit prospective students.

Members of SWAT gain valuable experience. They interact with people and help high school students make important decisions. They also represent the college.

SWAT's main objective is to open communications between current students and prospective students so they can ask questions about the college. SWAT members have the chance to familiarize students with the campus.

College offers free newspapers to students

By Jenna Swearingen
Staff Writer

USA Today and the Pittsburgh Post Gazette are being offered to students free of charge.

"Often students have said that they feel like they don't feel connected with events happening outside of the college environment," Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Molly Burnett said. Burnett met with a representative of USA Today who sponsors the program that provides newspapers for students. After the meeting, she called some participating universities to inquire.

"After hearing very positive responses, I decided to go ahead and try a one month pilot program in Shaw, Eichenhauer and Browne residence halls," Burnett said.

If the trial is successful, the newspapers will be available in all dorms next year.

"I think that the availability of the newspapers will be a positive thing for the campus. I know I'm interested in keeping up with current events. Now I won't have to go to the library to read the papers," junior Leah Bell said.

"I won't be here to take advantage of the program if it goes into effect next year, but I think it's a really great thing for Westminster to be getting involved in," senior Amiee Piccolino said.

"Students need to be informed of the news happening around them regionally, nationally and internationally, if for no other reason than to be able to function as well-informed adults in an increasingly complex society," journalism professor James Raykie said. "In many cases, it's vital in getting a job. Employers look for well-rounded students who are aware of the significant events occurring around them."

"Nothing comes free. I'm sure that this paper that I can just pick up seemingly free each morning will end up costing me something in the end," an anonymous student said.

Burnett said that some of the schools involved in the program have raised room rate, tuition or funding through student government.

"If the program proves to be popular enough, we will research different ways to pay for the service and work with various student groups to get feedback on the matter," she said. "Reading a daily newspaper every day is an education in itself," Raykie said.

Photo by Craig Carlin
USA Today and the Post Gazette are now available in residence halls.

Seminar will highlight women's role at Westminster

By Laurie Duffee
Staff Writer

The "Women of Westminster" seminar will take place on Saturday, April 13 at 8:45 a.m. in Russell Dining Hall. The program provides an opportunity for women alumnae and seniors to meet and share their life experiences.

Gloria Cagigas, vice president of Institutional Advancement, designed the seminar to recognize women's contributions to the college. "Women have always been involved since the beginning when the college was founded coeducational," she said.

The idea started to develop a few years ago. "We were talking about bringing women alumnae and seniors together for a session," Cagigas said. "Then with the sesquicentennial, we thought it was the perfect time to celebrate women's contributions and tie it to the anniversary."

Cagigas will give a speech entitled "Our History." "I will be talking about some women from the past and the first female graduate and faculty member," she said. "I will also be talking about current news and women on the Board of Trustees and on the staff."

The event will bring Westminster women of different generations together. "We invited alumnae back to campus," Cagigas said. "Women who work in and out of the home will talk about faith and their life experiences."

Barbara Cloud, a '51 graduate, will be the keynote speaker. "We're very excited to have Barbara as a part of the program. She has done a lot of writing for the Pittsburgh papers and should have good advice for the seniors," Cagigas said.

Three seniors, Kati Draper, Andrea Bean and Molly Weaver, will speak at the event. "I will be talking about how I decided to go to Westminster, what I have experienced here and what I'm going to take with me as I leave," Draper said.

Cagigas is hoping for dialogue between the participants and the audience.

"The informal setup should allow for plenty of conversation and be a forum for discussion," said Bean. "I hope it will be a time that we can learn from the life lessons that other Westminster women have experienced."

Senior Molly Weaver was happy to accept the offer to participate. "I think the 'Women of Westminster' conference is truly a wonderful idea, especially for senior women who will be entering the work force or post-graduate work," she said. "This will be an opportunity to bridge the proverbial gap between women our mother's age and young women who may need advice, guidance or generally a good sense of what the real world is like."

Senior women can sign up to attend the seminar by contacting Cagigas at (724) 946-7368 or at cagigagc@westminster.edu.

Challenge grant requires $1.7 million from college

By Brian Murckson
Staff Writer

The college must raise $1.7 million in gifts and pledges by February 2003, in order to receive a $600,000 Kresge Sesquicentennial Campus Center Challenge Grant. The Kresge Challenge Grant will go toward the new campus center as part of the Westminster Sesquicentennial Celebration.

"Nearly 75 percent of the campus community has responded to the Kresge Challenge Grant and the college is very pleased," said Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

The Kresge Foundation of Michigan is an organization that challenges institutions or organizations to raise funds to broaden the base of support for the construction and renovation of facilities. The college seeks assistance from the campus to achieve this goal. The community includes faculty, staff, alumni and trustees.

The campus center is a $13.5 million dollar project, and $11.2 million has already been raised by more than 1,400 donors. The campus center includes a recreational and hospitality area and provides more space for student organizations to hold meetings. It will benefit both students and faculty.

"I can't wait until the Campus Center is built," sophomore Kevin Rush said.

Pledges are now being accepted for the Kresge Challenge Grant. Anyone who has questions or concerns can call the office of Institutional Advancement at (724) 946-7532. Checks can be made payable to Westminster College.

Alpha Phi Omega Canoe-a-Thon offers fun and competition

By Erin Quinlan
Staff Writer

Students and faculty are invited to raise money for AIDS research on Sunday, April 21 from 1-5 p.m. during Alpha Phi Omega's Canoe-A-Thon.

A $3 donation per person is requested. The agenda for the day will consist of a wide variety of fun and competitive activities, such as canoe races, water balloon volleyball games, balloon tosses and three-legged races. Miss Canoe 2002 will award the winners. Music and karaoke will also be available, and snacks and drinks will be offered for anyone who works up an appetite.

The members of Alpha Phi Omega believe that this is a good opportunity for students and faculty to come together and fight for a cause. "With all the different activities on campus, it is not common to have activities that support a cause," President Gwen Kennedy said. "All of the campus can work together to do something that will help mankind."

Last year's Canoe-A-Thon did not turn out like the members of Alpha Phi Omega planned. An estimated 40 people participated, fewer participants than were expected. However, this year Alpha Phi Omega is determined to draw attention to the event through advertising. "We are going to advertise as long as we can in hopes to bring in more people and raise more money," said Lauren Perkins, Alpha Phi Omega's public relations chair.

E-mails and fliers will announce the event. Anyone who has questions or concerns can contact Perkins at perkinle@westminster.edu.

Campus Center construction running on schedule

By McKenzie Crowell
Staff Writer

April showers do not only bring May flowers to the campus this spring, but steel beams and concrete slabs as well. The work on the new campus center is showing progress during the newest phase of the construction process.

According to physical plant director Owen Wagner, everything is running on schedule.

"Once the steel gets done, things will be picking up pace," Wagner said.

The campus center, predicted to open in spring 2003, will house the TUB, mailroom, campus bookstore and Student Affairs office. A café area with Internet access will also be housed in the campus center.

All aspects of the building will be state-of-the-art, and the college is currently working with an interior designer to draw up plans for the fixtures, furniture and paint. Although the Campus Center will not be completed for almost another year, owner's representative Larry Ratvasky hopes to reseed all bare areas within the next few weeks so everything is green for graduation.

"I will just be glad when I do not have to walk through the mud to get from Patterson to Thompson-Clark," said sophomore Tony Ventresco. "After that, all they have to work on is the lack of parking so I will not have to walk at all."

Along with landscaping, workers are planning to remove other obstacles caused by the construction as well.

"We are also trying to open up walkways for next semester to make things as normal as possible," Ratvasky said.

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The Campus Center will be completed in spring 2003.

New security van donated in May by college alumnus

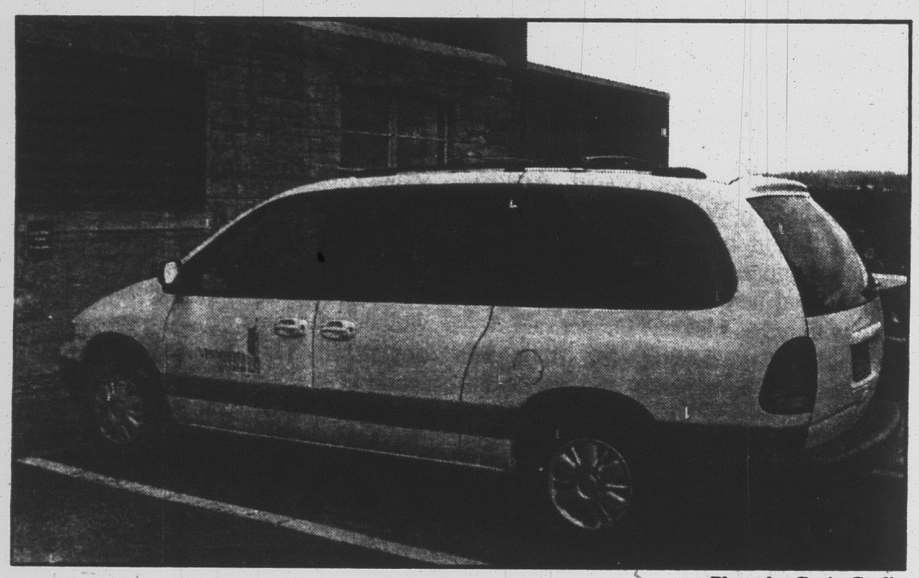

Photo by Craig Carlin
The new security van is more suitable for student transportation.

By Bridgette Kennedy
Staff Writer

Campus Security has been using a van on campus since the college received it as a donation last May. According to John Lechner, Dean of Safety and Security, it was a donation from a Westminster alumnus, Aubrey L. Hanford, who owns the Ladd-Hanford auto dealership near Harrisburg, Pa.

Before the Chrysler van, a Geo Tracker and a golf cart with no cab or storage area were used. The Geo Tracker was on a lease that was soon to expire when the van was donated.

"The van has loads of room for passengers, and makes escort of students convenient and simple," Lechner said. "It better supports large events like commencement and homecoming because we can carry four to five visitors in it, and it can double as a Happy Bus if one is not available. It also has lots of room for cargo."

Security Supervisor Bill Brandt agrees. "It's more suitable for student transportation of all kinds, and makes carrying equipment easier," he said. According to Brandt, the van and the golf cart are sufficient vehicles for campus security.

"The van is in use all the time and can go anywhere on campus because it has four wheel drive," said Lechner.

Security is also considering getting additional markings on the van, such as the campus security extension. The van's only drawback is the tinted windows that make it difficult to back up in the dark.

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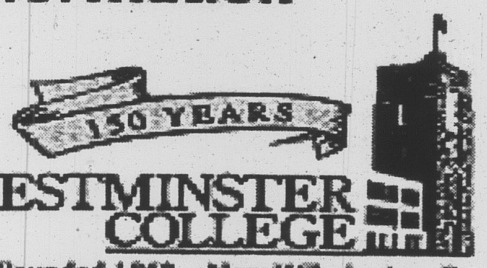

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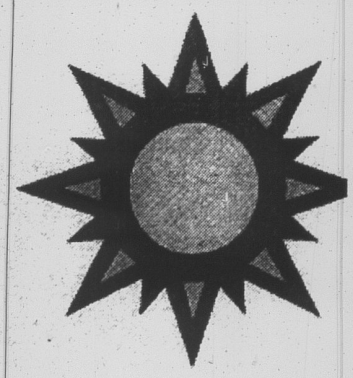

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Iraqi men may be deported for purchasing fake licenses

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Most of the men accused of purchasing bogus Pennsylvania licenses, some to transport hazardous materials, face deportation as well as prison time, authorities said.

Fifteen of the 20 men of Middle Eastern descent, who were arrested in late September, face possible deportation for buying the commercial driver's licenses from PennDOT license examiner Robert A. Ferrari Sr., 57, of Turtle Creek.

The men will likely be deported unless Immigration and Naturalization Service officials find a reason for them to stay, said U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Bucchanan.

Federal prosecutors have described the men as Iraqi refugees, although they may not be returned to Iraq. Federal officials will not deport people to countries where they might face persecution, said INS spokesman Russ Bergeron.

If immigrants can't be returned to their home countries, they are returned to the country they resided in before the United States, Bergeron said.

According to court documents and testimony, the 20 Iraqi men fled to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War before coming to the United States. The men ended up in Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Alam Paynid, director of the Middle Eastern Studies Center at Ohio State University, said the men would more than likely face difficulties if returned to Iraq.

"They might be perceived as CIA agents or spies coming back to Iraq. That is the suspicion of the government," Paynid said.

Federal authorities moved quickly following the Sept. 11 attacks to arrest the men, 18 of whom got commercial licenses with hazardous materials endorsements.

None of the men charged in the scam have been linked to terrorist groups.

Ferrari pleaded guilty in February to selling the licenses to people who didn't take proper tests between July 1999 and March 2000. Ferrari was fired from his job in April 2000 and the licenses have long since been canceled and surrendered.

Another man, Elmeliani "Ben" Benmoumen, of Pittsburgh, has been charged with being a middleman who solicited the bribes and introduced others to Ferrari.

Authorities say Ferrari told them Benmoumen would give him $50 to $100 for each license. Benmoumen allegedly charged $350 to $1,000 for the licenses, but sometimes accepted items in trade, such as having the men buy him goods at a department store.

Including Ferrari, 15 people charged in the case have pleaded guilty or been convicted.

Three men face trials on the charges: Haider al-Shomary, 29, of Haltom City, Texas; Kamel Albred, 33, of Dallas; and Kumeit al-Saraf, 34, of Pittsburgh.

In addition to charges for buying himself one of the licenses, prosecutors say al-Saraf spoke to friends in Detroit, which has a large Arab population, and then helped broker some deals himself.

Al-Saraf's attorney, Martha Bailor, has denied the man bribed anybody and said he thought he had gone through proper channels to get his license. The most he did was to tell others how to do the same, Bailor said.

The other defendants are angry with al-Saraf, who was the first of the Iraqi men to get a license from Ferrari, and have implicated him. Islamic law requires that al-Saraf take liability for the financial losses of the other defendants who followed in his footsteps, Bailor said.

Pa. is spending $10 million to keep grads from leaving the state

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - Dave Porembo grew up in Pennsylvania and chose to study chemical engineering at Penn State, but when it comes to his career, the 23-year-old is looking elsewhere.

"There just doesn't seem to be a lot of jobs available in Pennsylvania," Porembo, dressed in a suit and tie with resumes in hand, said at a recent campus job fair.

The state is spending $10 million to try to keep students like Porembo, a Fleetwood native, from leaving.

The campaign, dubbed Stay Invent the Future, was launched by the state Department of Community and Economic Development and the Team Pennsylvania Foundation.

The launch followed reports that the state does a good job recruiting college students but has a tough time keeping them after graduation.

Pennsylvania took in 22,270 out-of-state freshmen in 1998, second only to New York, according to a study by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

The same group, in a study that tracked down 1990 graduates in 1995, found 81 percent of out-of-state students at private colleges, and 25 percent of natives, leave Pennsylvania after they graduate.

"The challenge for us is to convince these young folks that there are good jobs here with growing companies and an opportunity for advancement," said Vic Russo, director of the Ben Franklin Technology Partnership, which gives millions of dollars in grant money each year to technology-based projects in the state.

About $2 million is being spent on marketing efforts touting everything from the availability of venture capital to the state's 54,000 miles of rivers and streams.

However, some say no amount of publicity can overcome the low income levels that plague some parts of the state.

Most Pennsylvania workers earned less in inflation-adjusted dollars in 2000 than they earned in 1979, according to data from the Keystone Research Center in Harrisburg.

In Pittsburgh, workers earned $2.29 less per hour than they did in 1979, after adjusting for inflation. Their peers in Erie, Reading and rural Pennsylvania also lost earning power, although workers in metropolitan Philadelphia and York workers made gains.

Amy Glasmeier, a Penn State professor of geography and regional planning, said the campaign faces an uphill battle because of the attitudes of students who grew up in the state.

"Kids in my class have long ago given up a chance of getting a job in Pennsylvania," Glasmeier said.

Arizona Alburg, a Penn State DuBois student who works as an intern on the Stay Invent the Future campaign, offers a different point of view.

"A lot of people think there aren't a lot of well-paying jobs here. That's not true," said Alburg, an engineering technology major from Brockway. "And, the quality of life here is wonderful. If students move to California after graduation, they'll wind up living in a one-bedroom apartment."

Regional Briefs

Man convicted of third-degree murder

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - A man was convicted of third-degree murder for shooting his girlfriend's son to death on the porch of the home the three shared.

Johnny Showers of Erie faces as many as 45 years in prison for shooting Jimmy Potter, 52, with a .38-caliber derringer handgun on June 30.

A jury deliberated two days before convicting Showers of the murder and related charges.

Showers contended the shooting was in self defense. He said Potter held a knife to his throat and threatened to kill him during an argument at the home the men shared with Rachel McKee, 74, Potter's mother and Showers' girlfriend.

Police said Potter and Showers began arguing after Showers yelled at McKee.

Prosecutors said Showers lied to police and gave police differing statements about the shooting, at one point telling police he needed to give them another statement and saying Potter attacked him.

Showers served two years in prison for pointing a handgun at a neighbor and threatening to kill him before firing a bullet into the ground at a nearby home in 1994.

Schizophrenic man sentenced for murder

MEADVILLE, Pa. (AP) - A schizophrenic man who believed his neighbors were trying to poison him with vapors and a white powder will serve as many as 40 years in prison for shooting a neighbor to death.

Roy Gene Mosely, 27, pleaded guilty but mentally ill March 6 to shooting Daniel Terry Copeland, 36, on Nov. 3, 2000. Mosely also claimed guards at the Crawford County jail were trying to poison him after his arrest.

A court-ordered psychiatric evaluation of Mosley determined he suffered from paranoid schizophrenia, but a Crawford County judge ruled he had responded well to medication and treatment.

He will initially serve time in state prison, rather than a psychiatric facility.

10-year-old boy found after six days

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A 10-year-old boy found about six days after he was reported missing told officials he was inside an elementary school the entire time, police said.

Anthony Clifford Jr. was found Monday night on a Pittsburgh street when a resident recognized him from a photograph on the television news. Police picked up the boy, who appeared to be unharmed, and returned him to his family.

Anthony's family reported the boy missing last Wednesday after he told a friend he had to retrieve some homework. His family was concerned about his health because Anthony has a heart condition that requires daily medication.

Although Anthony told police he was in the Horace Mann Elementary School for almost a week, police said the story seems doubtful and said they would continue to investigate the case.

Tank full of acid catches fire and causes scare

LATROBE, Pa. (AP) - About 20 people were evacuated from their homes for about two hours after a tank full of acid caught fire at a steel mill.

Fire officials say the fire started when a heating element in a plastic tank for hydrofluoric acid overheated, igniting the tank at the Timkin Latrobe steel mill, about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Homes around the mill were evacuated as a precaution.

The tank was empty and no one was injured.

NATIONAL

Demonstrators support Israel's military offensive

By Rick Bernsak, Jr.
AP WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - Thousands of demonstrators filled a city block near the United Nations on Sunday to support Israel in its military offensive in the West Bank on a weekend that has drawn protesters from both sides of the conflict to the streets nationwide.

Police checked inside coats and backpacks as demonstrators were admitted past metal barriers to the rally scene in midtown Manhattan.

"This is to show support to Israel and to demonstrate against worldwide terrorism," said Lenny Brafman, 46, holding a banner made of U.S. and Israeli flags.

One sign read: "Arafat = Osama = Terror," equating Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat with Osama bin Laden, the suspected, fugitive leader of the al-Qaida terrorist network.

The rally came a day after hundreds of people marched across the Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall to demonstrate against Israeli actions in the occupied territories. Protesters carried signs and yelled chants that compared Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to Adolf Hitler.

In Boston, about 3,000 people gathered downtown Sunday for a "Stand with Israel" rally. The demonstrators, some with signs that read "America and Israel united against terrorism," marched toward the New England Holocaust Memorial. The crowd sang songs, read poems and listened to religious and political leaders.

A day earlier, about 1,000 Palestinian supporters marched past Israel's downtown consulate in Boston. Some carried signs reading "Zionism=Nazism," and others denounced support of Israel.

Rallies also were held Saturday in Miami and Crawford, Texas, where 1,200 people gathered blocks from where President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair held a news conference insisting Israel halt its escalating offensive in the West Bank and withdraw troops.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who spoke to Bush on Saturday and Secretary of State Colin Powell on Sunday, has pledged to try to "expedite" the military operation, according to an Israeli statement, but did not announce a timetable for a withdrawal.

Meanwhile on Sunday, Andrew Cuomo, who is battling for the Democratic nomination to run for New York governor, asked the head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee in a letter to rescind Yasser Arafat's 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

Arafat shared the award with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and then-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for efforts that led to the now-tattered 1993 Oslo Agreement.

Last week, members of the Nobel Peace Prize committee criticized Peres for being party to the recent Israeli attacks on Palestinians. In a rare comment on former laureates, Hanna Kvanmo, a member of the committee since 1991 said that if "if it had been now, he (Peres) would not have gotten the prize."

The prize cannot be revoked.

Van Safety Rodeo may reduce day care deaths

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Two days after four children were killed and two others critically injured when their day care van slammed into a bridge embankment, drivers and van monitors for 20 Memphis day care centers spent the day in training and competition.

Participants gathered on Saturday at a church little more than a mile from the accident site for Van Safety Rodeo 2002, a long-scheduled training event. Black bows adorned the grill and antenna of one bus.

"I put them on there for the kids that lost their lives," said Luvs and Hugs Learning Center driver Constance Brown.

"When one fireman dies, it's like the brother of all firemen. Same thing with day care drivers. It was like they were my kids," she said.

The Thursday crash of a Tippy Toes Learning Academy van on I-240 killed 6-year-old Tica Bonner; her brother Cardarrus Bonner, 9; Brayna Robinson, 6; and Marcquon McCray, 8.

Driver Wesley Hudson, 27, was also killed. Authorities found marijuana on Hudson's body, but there was no indication he had been smoking it at the time of the accident.

Tica and Cardarrus' 11-year-old brother, Taurus Showers, was upgraded to serious condition on Sunday, while Marcquon's 10-year-old brother, Jerry McCray, remained in critical condition, said spokeswoman Janet Phillips of Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center.Drivers at the training session were instructed on how to correctly put children in child-restraint seats, respond after an accident and drive defensively. They also participated in several competitions.

The event was sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Memphis Area Association for the Education of Young Children, Child Safety Systems of America and Tennessee Child Care Facilities Corp.

"This is very emotional for me," Mt. Vernon Baptist day care driver Leon Neely, 57, said of the training day. "The way they say it happened, he should have had more control over his bus."

According to police records, Hudson pleaded guilty to possessing marijuana 11/2 years ago. Under state law, the conviction made him ineligible to work at a day-care center. He was also convicted on a felony aggravated burglary charge in 1992, and was sentenced to three years probation.

A background check was not run on Hudson before he was hired.

An investigation into the crash is ongoing. The accident comes nearly three years after two Memphis toddlers died of heatstroke when left alone in vans belonging to two other day-care centers. The state passed a law that tightened day care rules, largely because of those deaths.

National Briefs

College student arrested for stabbing people with syringe

SAN DIEGO - Police arrested a 21-year-old college student for allegedly stabbing three people with a syringe and injecting them with a tranquilizer.

University of California, San Diego, student Peter Butcher was arrested at his home Saturday and booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon. He remained jailed Sunday on $250,000 bail.

Three known attacks took place in or near Santa Barbara, Butcher's hometown. In the most recent attack, a 20-year-old woman told sheriff's deputies she was stabbed and drugged Friday morning while jogging on the beach. Another person on the beach saw her and stopped to help, authorities said.

Santa Barbara sheriff Lt. Bill Byrne said the assailant may have derived some sort of fetish thrill from watching his victims affected by the drug.

"We believe that he enjoyed watching after they began to go into their panic-like state,'" Byrne said.

The first attack was Jan. 11 against a French woman on a Santa Barbara beach. The second, Jan. 20, involved a woman skiing near Mammoth Lakes.

College paper criticized for April Fool's edition

GREENVILLE, S.C. - Furman University administrators say the college newspaper went too far this week with its annual April Fools edition.

The spoof edition of The Paladin is called "The Horse" and Harry Shucker, vice president for student services, says it may have hit the racks for the last time.

The spoof paper used profanity, had a picture of bare buttocks and made jokes about the school's president.

"We are looking at what action to take in this situation," Shucker said. He is considering a range of disciplinary action, but won't decide until after meeting with the newspaper's advisers.

"I would be sad to think that Furman couldn't take a joke," Assistant News Editor Tracy Wells said.

Newborn rescued from dormitory trash can

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A newborn boy was rescued from a dormitory bathroom trash can at Tennessee State University after being placed there by his mother, police said.

The mother is 19 and from Memphis, said police spokesman Don Aaron. She told police she gave birth on Tuesday in Wilson Hall, but didn't know she was pregnant before that. She said she washed the baby in a sink, and then put it in the trash can because she was "scared and panicked" and believed the baby to be dead, Aaron said.

Other students found the baby, and the police were called.

No charges have been filed, but the case has been turned over to prosecutors for consideration. The state Department of Children's Services will decide who gets custody of the baby.

The mother and baby were treated and released at Baptist Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Jessica Etz.

65-year-old grandmother guilty of pickpocketing

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - A 65-year-old arthritic grandmother has pleaded guilty to leading a statewide pickpocket ring and faces up to eight years in prison.

Ernestine Williams dispatched her 15-person crew to pilfer credit cards and checks from elderly shoppers in retail stores from Miami to Atlanta, taking a cut for each crime, according to a two-year investigation.

The stolen credit cards were later used to purchase other goods, from lawn furniture to laptop computers, agents said.

Authorities said the group netted hundreds of thousands of dollars between 1998 and Williams' October 2000 arrest.

Williams, of Boynton Beach, pleaded guilty to racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering, two grand theft charges and three misdemeanor theft charges.

Under state sentencing guidelines, she faces four to eight years in prison when she is sentenced May 17.

INTERNATIONAL

Afghan poppy growers shoot at survey team; kill 1

By Christopher Torchia
AP WRITER

NAGAN, Afghanistan (AP) - Opium poppy growers angry over Afghanistan's plans to destroy their crops shot at a government survey team Monday, killing one person and wounding four others, a local official said.

Farmers also blocked one of the country's main roads and pelted cars with rocks as the opium-eradication program took effect.

Last week, the government of interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai announced plans intended to prevent Afghanistan from regaining its position as the world's largest producer of opium, which is refined into heroin.

The program included compensation of about $500 an acre for growers whose crops are destroyed. The farmers say that amount is inadequate.

As the government team surveyed poppy fields in the eastern province of Nangarhar, Shenwari tribesmen opened fire, killing one team member and wounding four others, provincial official Pir Haideri said.

The tribesmen also blocked the main highway between the capital, Kabul, and neighboring Pakistan, throwing rocks at vehicles, according to travelers arriving in the Pakistani border city of Peshawar.

Also Monday, a bomb exploded in Nangarhar's capital, Jalalabad, near the convoy of Afghanistan Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, who arrived to discuss issues including the poppy eradication program. At least four people were killed. Fahim was not injured.

It was not immediately known whether the bombing was related to the poppy eradication program.

Afghanistan once provided 70 percent of the world's supply of opium. The Taliban banned poppy-growing in 2000, but farmers planted a new crop last fall after the U.S. bombing campaign toppled the Taliban regime in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States. Harvesting begins next month.

Although the eradication program began Monday, there was no sign it was being enforced here in the fields just west of Kandahar.

However, farmers in nearby Helmand province said the government hired 450 tractors to plow under poppies there. Residents there also said one farmer was killed and two were injured Friday when Afghan security forces fired on 500 protesting farmers.

Khan Aka, 40, a Helmand farmer who arrived in Kandahar on Monday, said farmers protested outside the governor's office in Lashkar Gah, Helmand's provincial capital, near a hotel used by U.S. Special Forces.

Also, farmers burned some shops in Helmand's Grish district last week while poppy farmers in the Marjah district burned the car used by a delegation of government officials traveling from Kandahar to negotiate, Aka said.

Poor poppy farmers in southern Nagan, a settlement of earthen-walled compounds eight miles west of Kandahar, said they would not comply with the government's edict because its compensation offer would not cover their cultivation expenses.

"Nobody has come from the police or the government," farmer Abdul Samad said. "If they do, I won't let them eradicate my field. I'll tell them I'll turn to thievery. So it's better if they leave us alone."

Farmers here said they would assess the Helmand situation before deciding how to proceed.

"We'll try our best to stop the government, whether through appeals or resistance," said 17-year-old Ahktar Mohammed, who tends a poppy field with his 22-year-old brother, Sher.

Despite the farmers' concerns, the president of the U.N. International Narcotics Control Board praised the government program Monday.

Protestant minister formally accused of heresy by Anglican church in Ireland

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - A Protestant minister who said he does not believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ was formally accused of heresy by the Anglican church in Ireland on Monday.

Rev. Andrew Furlong was suspended from his duties in December after saying Christ was neither a savior nor divine.

In an article posted on his personal Web site last year, Furlong wrote that Jesus "was neither a mediator nor a savior, neither superhuman nor divine; we need to leave him to his place in history and move on."

He also called Jesus a "mistaken and misguided" prophet.

Furlong, the rector of Trim, a parish northwest of Dublin, has refused an invitation to resign from Richard Clarke, the Anglican Bishop of Meath and Kildare.

A panel of bishops and lay judges at the Church of Ireland Court of the General Synod-the church's supreme court-must decide whether Furlong is guilty of heresy. The church said the Court of the General Synod had met only twice on matters of doctrine, both more than a century ago.

The hearing was adjourned after Furlong's lawyer requested more time to prepare his case and will resume on May 10. If the court rules against Furlong, it has the authority to suspend, fire or defrock him.

Saddam Hussein vows to defeat U.S. if it attacks Iraq: "We will fight"

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The defiant Iraqi president vowed to defeat the United States if it attacks Iraq and to continue supplying the Palestinians "with every means by which they can defend themselves."

"We will fight (the Americans) with missiles, warplanes, marsh reeds and even stones and they will be defeated," Saddam Hussein was quoted as saying by state-run media during a Sunday meeting with top military commanders.

He rejected U.S. criticism over payments to families of Palestinian suicide bombers, saying: "If Iraq has the chance and the capability to supply the Palestinians with every means by which they can defend themselves in a better way, we will not hesitate to do so."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld last week accused Iran and Syria of smuggling arms to terrorists and criticized Iraq for offering payments of up to $25,000 to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

President Bush has said Saddam had to go, and did not rule out military action if Iraq continues to refuse the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to verify if Iraq has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction, as it claims to have done.

Meanwhile Sunday, Saddam's son, Qusai, commander of the elite Republican Guards, pledged allegiance to his father a day after Bush reaffirmed that the policy of his government "is the removal of Saddam."

"Your sons in the armed forces and the brave Republican Guards are swords ready to confront any evil external aggression against our beloved country," Qusai Hussein, 35, wrote in an open letter to his father in Al-Iraq newspaper.

International Briefs

Singapore citizen with al-Qaida ties planned to hijack plane

SINGAPORE (AP) - A Singaporean member of an Islamic militant group linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network is suspected of planning to hijack a plane and crash it into the city-state's international airport, Singapore's prime minister said.

The suspect belongs to Jemaah Islamiyah, a group implicated in an alleged plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy and other Western targets in Singapore, and is believed to have fled to Thailand in January, Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong told lawmakers in Parliament.

Goh identified him as Mas Selemat Kastari.

Thirteen other suspected members of Jemaah Islamiyah were arrested in Singapore in December in connection with the alleged bomb plot.

McDonald's in Japan suspends Chicken McNugget sales due to fowl epidemic

TOKYO (AP) - McDonald's has suspended sales of its popular Chicken McNuggets at nearly all outlets in Japan following the outbreak of a fowl epidemic in some parts of the United States, the company said Wednesday.

McDonald's Japan spokesman Kenji Kaniya said the measure was a precautionary step taken largely because the chain ran out of chicken stock. McDonald's Japan will resume sales once an alternate supply is found, possibly as early as later this month.

The bird illness normally poses no threat to humans.

But a similar chicken virus crossed over to humans in Hong Kong in 1997, killing six people and sickening dozens. That outbreak, dubbed the "bird flu," forced Hong Kong authorities to slaughter all the territory's 1.4 million chickens.

The World Health Organization has since determined people can only contract the illness from live birds, not their processed meat, Health Ministry official Kensuke Nakajima said.

McDonald's and the Health Ministry say there have been no reports of bird-flu from people who have eaten Chicken McNuggets in Japan.

Kaniya said McDonald's began suspending sales after the Japanese government banned all U.S. chicken imports March 18 in the wake of a fowl flu outbreak in Virginia.

U.S. Army sends American-born prisoner back to states

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) - A U.S. Army general addressed prisoners Sunday, explaining the removal of some inmates from their fortified compound, where two days earlier troops shackled an American-born man before taking him to a military jail in the United States.

Brig. Gen. Rick Baccus urged patience while the government considers cases of the 299 men being held at this U.S. naval base on suspicion of having links to Afghanistan's fallen Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"I know you are aware that not all of those who came to this camp are still in this camp," Baccus told the prisoners, his voice echoing over the loudspeaker at Camp X-ray. "Some are being cared for at our hospital, others are in jails elsewhere. Each of your cases is different."

Baccus didn't specifically mention the departure of U.S.-born Yasser Esam Hamdi, who spent 53 days at the base in eastern Cuba before being flown on Friday to a military jail in Norfolk, Virginia.

Guards also have temporarily moved an unspecified number of inmates to the base guardhouse, or "brig," where they are interrogated in isolation. Officials said four inmates were in the brig last week.

On Sunday, 11 captives lay in cots in their tented hospital, two being fed through tubes after a month long hunger strike to protest their indefinite detention.

WEIRD NEWS

Kansas woman gives birth to sextuplets

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) - A woman gave birth to sextuplets Saturday and doctors say the three boys and three girls are doing well.

Sonda Headrick, 33, and her husband Eldon, 32, are from Rago, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southwest of Wichita, which until Saturday had a population of 12.

The children were delivered by Caesarean section at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Joseph on Saturday afternoon. Each child weighed between 2 pounds 10 ounces (1,180 grams) and 3 pounds 11 ounces (1,660 grams).

Fewer than 100 sets of sextuplets are on record, and only about a dozen have survived as full sets, hospital officials said. Some of the children have lived with vision problems, cerebral palsy or other health defects,

Headrick's sextuplets resulted from fertility drugs used last summer. The Headricks also have another daughter, 3-year-old Aubrianna.

Doctors had told the couple the latest pregnancy could be aborted or reduced by four, giving the two remaining fetuses a better chance of survival.

But Sondra Headrick said abortion was not a choice. She and her husband had already seen six heartbeats flickering on the doctor's sonogram video monitor.

Couple fights to get 11-year-old monkey back from state

WOODBURY, N.J. (AP) - Still not convinced that Curious George won't get into mischief, a judge is refusing to let the little monkey go home, at least for now.

Debra Ann Stipp and her husband, Conrad, are trying to get their 11-year-old pet monkey back after state authorities confiscated the unlicensed animal.

New Jersey law considers capuchin monkeys to be a "potentially dangerous species" requiring a special owner's or exhibitor's permit.

Judge Martin A. Herman did not rule on the family's contention that Curious George is harmless. But he did allow the Stipps to have a veterinarian visit the monkey and make sure it is healthy.

The Stipps applied for a permit last month, even though they have owned the monkey since he was a newborn.

They say Curious George, purchased from a Pennsylvania breeder for $3,500, is not dangerous. He was neutered to lessen his aggressiveness, and his four large incisor teeth were removed.

Property manager dumps tons of office equipment in former tenant's driveway

CHARLOTTE, Vt. (AP) - Police have declined to press charges against a property manager who dumped tons of office and computer equipment at the end of a former tenant's driveway.

The wall of upside-down printers, tipped copy machines, keyboards and disemboweled office computers landed on the gravel driveway at David Morin's house in Charlotte on Thursday. It was delivered by a frustrated property manager representing a landlord who evicted Morin's company, Computers Plus, from a space in Williston.

Computers Plus was evicted from the space at the end of March after a long dispute. Morin says the trouble began after pipes burst and caused what he estimates was $9,000 worth of damage to equipment at his repair and sales business. He admits he stopped paying rent, but says this was only because he couldn't obtain compensation from his landlord or his landlord's insurance company.

Don Weston, property manager for the landlord, Commerce St. Investments, dismissed that claim.

"He wouldn't leave and he wouldn't pay," said Weston.

A Chittenden Superior Court judge ordered Morin to pay his landlord $18,737 in back rent and attorneys' fees. He also was ordered out of the property. Morin says he tried to move out of his space in a timely fashion after receiving a legal notice ordering him to do so, but a marshal overseeing the eviction prevented his employees from clearing out the last of the equipment.

Weston says Morin left it there deliberately because it was mostly junk and he didn't want to pay disposal costs. Weston also said he delivered it to Morin's driveway to avoid further legal hassles. It took five hours and six truck trips for Weston and several others to deposit the orphaned electronics on Morin's driveway.

Morin called the state police. They declined to press charges after interviewing Weston.

Morin expects to have his driveway clear early in the week. "I don't need this aggravation," he said Friday.

14-year-old boy made to drink untreated stream water by airport security

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) - A 14-year-old boy believes he got sick because airport security personnel made him take a drink from a bottle of untreated stream water he wanted to carry on an airplane so he could take it to school.

Elliot Gosko told the Aspen Daily News that he suspects he was infected by Giardia, a microorganism sometimes found in untreated water, but that tests aren't complete.

He said he became nauseous and missed two days of school last week after returning home to Pennsylvania from a visit to Aspen. The newspaper didn't give his hometown.

Security measures added since Sept. 11 require that passengers drink from liquids they are taking on an aircraft to prove the liquids are not dangerous, said Mike Fergus, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

However, Paul Turk, spokesman for the federal Transportation Security Administration, said airport security screeners can simply inquire about the contents of drink containers. He said there is no requirement that travelers drink from unsealed containers as proof of safety.

Fergus said Elliot never told security personnel at Aspen's Sardy Field what was in his bottle.

"If we had been told it was creek water there is no way we would have asked him to take a swig of it, unless we had reason to believe it was something else," Fergus said.

Elliot's father, George Gosko Jr., said he thinks the security agents went too far, but Fergus said they were just doing their jobs.

"I know the screeners were not told it was creek water and I'm sorry, obviously," Fergus said.

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SPORTS

New track hosts first official event

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

Last Wednesday, the Titan track and field teams opened the 2002 outdoor season hosting a quad meet against Geneva, Malone College and Walsh College, the first official event at the new facilities.

Though no team score was kept, four men and two women posted individual wins. Senior Jacob Gleason won the 5000 meter run in 16:18, while classmate Ron Brown took the long jump with a leap of 19'7".

Continuing to dominate the field events, Junior Andy Pazul captured the high jump at 6'0 and freshmen Derek Myers won the javelin with a throw of 144'10'.

For the women, senior Ashley Pyle and junior Briana Palka won the 100 meter dash (:13.18) and the high jump (4'11") respectively.

The men's 4x100 meter relay squad also claimed a victory with a time of :44.35.

The team returned to action Saturday at the first annual Titan Track and Field Invitational.

Both the men and women finished fourth of nine teams in attendance, while three men and two women posted individual wins.

On the men's side, Gleason captured the 3000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:46.39, edging Ryan Mitchell of Grove City by .01 seconds. Sophomore Matt Steve took the 200 meter dash in :22.53, while junior Dan Beckwith breezed a win an 800 victory in 1:59.44.

Contributed Photo

Three runners participate in the steeple chase.

"After four years of building, we're finally pulling together all the elements and competing across the board," Gleason said of the team's recent success.

For the women, Pyle recorded the only double win for the either squad, taking the 100 and 200 in times of :12.98 and :26.48 respectively. Palka remained unmatched in the high jump with a height of five feet even.

Both teams return to competition this Saturday at the Geneva Invitational.

Men's tennis falls to Grove City 7-2

By Bobby Fisher
Staff Writer

On April 6, the men's tennis team fell to a record of 4-4 overall and 2-1 against PAC teams after a 7-2 away loss to the Grove City Wolverines.

The Titans' only wins in the matches came from freshmen Sammy Seo and Mark Gross. Seo won a three set match at #5 singles and Gross, at #4 singles, was a straight set winner.

Seniors Chuck Correll and Rodolpho Sant'anna fell in singles at 1 and 2 respectively.

The Titan doubles match-ups fared no better, as the team of Correll and Sant'anna lost to the Wolverines 8-5 as did the freshman match-up of Gross and Corey Sacca. Seo and Sophomore John Libert fell by a score of 8-3.

"Grove City is a very competitive team. The weather definitely contributed to our loss, and we look forward to playing them at home under better conditions," junior Ryan Quallich said.

The team turned things around the next day after a home victory against PAC member Waynesburg College with a 7-2 win at home.

Correll finished at #1 singles, and he and Sant'anna finished at #1 doubles for the day. Number two doubles went to the freshman duo of Sacca and Gross. The two also finished at #3 and #4 singles respectively. Seo rounded out the Titan victory, finishing at #5 singles, as did junior Ryan Quallich at #6 singles.

Titan hitters swing to 5-1 in the PAC

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

The baseball team stood at 10-6 overall, 5-1 in the PAC, after last week's three-game series with conference rival Waynesburg College.

On Friday, the Titans opened the first inning with a 1-0 lead, before Waynesburg's 6-0 run during the next two. By the top of the eighth, Westminster had regained some ground and closed the gap to 7-4, but would come no closer.

Junior pitcher Matt Pournaras was credited with the loss, giving up seven runs, seven hits, three walks and two strikeouts in over five innings of field time. Freshmen Bryan Hilbert and Michael Mackin combined for three innings of scoreless relief.

On Saturday, the team returned home and completed the series, splitting a double header.

Westminster took the first game 6-3 on the arm of sophomore pitcher Pat Boyle. At bat, freshman outfielder Kevin Gesacion set the pace, going two for three, with a double and two RBIs.

Waynesburg jumped to an early 3-1 lead by the second inning with the Titans evening the score during the third. The Yellow Jackets soon regained the lead in the fourth inning and never looked back, eventually taking the win 8-4.

On the mound, junior Kevin Culp fell to 1-3, giving up seven runs on eight hits, five walks and three strike-outs.

At the plate, junior third baseman Kevin Humberston led the squad, connecting two for three, and logging a two-run homer.

The Titans return to action this Saturday at home, when they will host non-conference Carnegie Melon.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Staff Writer

People are crazy. As I was browsing through websites and magazine articles looking for a column idea for this week, I came across a story about Luis Gonzalez of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The story was not about his accomplishments or a personal tale, but instead told of how a piece of gum that he chewed during spring training is being auctioned and has reached the astronomical price of $3,200.

The Topps Co. bid on the gum because, "We just thought it was kind of a fun thing that somebody actually took that bubble gum and is selling it for charity," said Topps Vice President Warren Friss. Fortunately, the money raised is going for a good cause; the man who picked up the gum is giving the money to fund scholarships and boost athletics for a rural Minnesota high school.

After reading this story, my curiosity led me to Ebay.com to see what other used sports items are for sale.

Through the years, I have respected and idolized many athletic figures. I have requested autographs and worn replica uniforms. I have never, however, been willing to pay hundreds or thousands of dollars for materials that an athlete has worn, touched, signed, or chewed.

On Ebay, I found a 1996-97 Los Angeles Lakers home mesh, game-used jersey, of Shaquille O'Neal. This jersey probably cost somewhere around $50 to the Lakers, yet it is going for a whopping $710 as the opening bid.

A pin flag from a hole that Tiger Woods played on, signed by Tiger himself, is currently at $2,125, for all who are interested. If you are interested in buying Michael Jordan's bed from his previous residence in Highland Park, Ill., you have to pay more than $1,000. The bidding starts there and the reserve is not yet met.

Some lucky high school classmate of Jordan's is selling his senior yearbook. A typical yearbook costs around $20, yet this gracious person is willing to part with his or hers for a mere $950. A jersey card of MJ's (contains a small piece of each of his college and professional basketball jerseys), autographed, can be bought for $12,300. I could have bought three of my cars for that price. Needless to say, the list goes on and on. People are willing to pay extravagant amounts for merchandise that their heroes touched, wore, or signed.

Sports stars make a ton of money, so much that it is just a status symbol, rather than a way to support themselves or their loved ones. They compete at an event or sport in which they are extremely talented, make millions, and retire in their thirties. To top it off, they make more money doing endorsements and by posing for pictures and signing their name to pieces of paper.

This is the way the professional sports system works. Not much can be done to change it, if it in fact, needs changed. If people are willing to shell out the money, the athletes will not turn it down. Unfortunately, many times this results in higher ticket and merchandise prices for the spectator. In a time when people are willing to pay thousands of dollars for a chewed piece of gum, shouldn't we be asking ourselves where the money should really be spent?

Lady Titans win five in a row; 2-0 in PAC

By Bobby Fisher
Staff Writer

The Lady Titan softball team improved to 9-7 overall and 2-0 against PAC teams after capturing two home wins against the Grove City Wolverines on April 4. This brings the Titan win streak up to five.

Junior pitcher Darcy Sutton has definitely proved her worth to the Lady Titans, as the Grove City game marks her fourth consecutive shutout from the mound.

The opening game remained scoreless until the sixth inning, when junior catcher Emily Henry and freshman first baseman Heidi Kimmel racked up RBI singles for an unearned run. Kimmel went 3 for 3 at the plate in the game, while Henry finished 2 for 3.

Senior second baseman Renee Tappe added a double and two stolen bases to round the final score out to 3-0.

The Lady Titans quickly took the upper hand in game two with three points in the second inning. Sutton contributed to the win by throwing no walks and five strikeouts. Henry and senior Kristie Perrotte posted RBI doubles in the second inning. The clincher came in the ninth when junior shortstop Laura Raible posted her first grand slam of the season to bring the final score to 7-0.

Men's golf team captures title at W&J

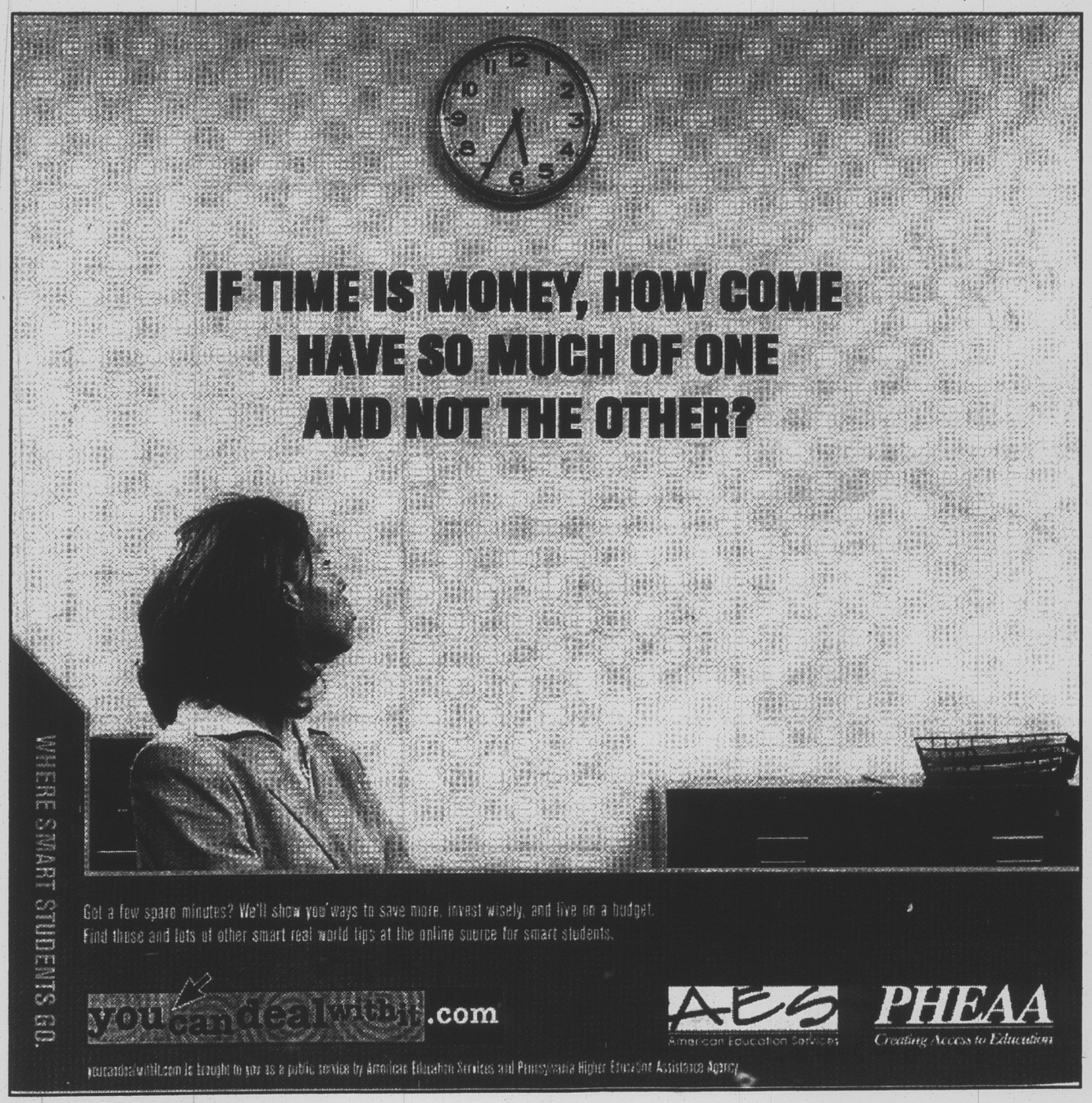
NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – The men's and women's golf teams competed on April 8 at the Washington & Jefferson College Invitational. The men's tournament took place at the Lone Pine Country Club, while the women competed at the Valley Green Golf Club.

The Titan men captured the team title at the 10-team event, firing a four-man total of 311 to top second place La Roche by 10 strokes (321). Westminster placed three players among the top six individual finishers.

Senior Jim McGovern and freshman Scott Voelker each tied for third with 76, while junior Drew Aufderheide tied for fifth with a 77. Other Titan scores included freshman Matt Faccenda with 82 and junior Dave Blazek with 87.

The Lady Titans posted a four-person total of 232 to place fourth out of five teams, ahead of Thiel (260) and behind West Liberty State (186), Grove City (207) and Washington & Jefferson (213). Leading the way for Westminster was sophomore was McKenzie Crowell who fired a team-best 54. Other Lady Titan scores included sophomore Megan Welty with 56, junior Jodi Grissett with 60 and sophomore Rena Paroz with 62.

The men's and women's golf teams returned to action on April 11, when they competed at the Thiel College Invitational at Greenville Country Club in Greenville, Pa.



This Week in Sports

Friday, 4/12/02
MT at Thiel* - 3 p.m.

Saturday, 4/13/02
MT VS. PITT-GREENSBURG - 11 a.m.
TF at Geneva Invitational - 11 a.m.
BB VS. CARNEGIE MELLON - 1 p.m.
SB at Thiel* - 3 p.m.

Sunday, 4/14/02
BB VS. LAKE ERIE (2) - 1 p.m.

Monday, 4/15/02
WGF-M.L. CLELAND ECKLES INV. - 1 p.m.
SB at Slippery Rock - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/16/02
BB at La Roche (2) - 1 p.m.
MT VS. BETHANY* - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/17/02
WGF at Waynesburg Invit. - 12:30 p.m.
SB VS. WAYNESBURG* - 3 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"The javelin throwers are sweet."

"I love TGI Friday's potato skins. They're so yummy."

"I have nine toes."

"Why are seniors so bitter toward the college?"

"I have to plow my way through the garbage in Russell to get to my room."

"Wouldn't it be great to attend an actual college, with actual books, in an actual library? Sometimes I feel like we're just faking it here at good oldWestminster."

"Bring back the regular fruit punch in the cafeteria! Who's with me on this?"

"Everyone is watching me. I'm scared."

"For Sale: One brain. Used, slightly damaged, but still able to do simple fractions."

"The meatball sub makes my stomach make weird noises in class. It's embarrassing."

"I'm so glad the sun decided to come out. I've been waiting all winter to wear my sandals again."

"My cat's breath smells like cat food."

"Shouldn't it be 'Rave and Rant?' Putting Rant first gives the column a negative connotation, ant that's not what Westminster is about."

"Bio majors -- How in the world do you do it?"

"All your base are belong to us."

"Why are there chinese letters instead of 'post' when you're putting something in a shared folder?"

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the Westminster community. The Holcad does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Appreciation

When was the last time you thanked the lady who dishes out your dinner? How about the lab proctor who fills the paper tray, or the janitor who cleans your bathroom? They vacuum the rugs, clean the labs, trim the hedges, and do a bunch of other stuff that people tend to take for granted.

Sure, everyone complains about the cafeteria, but it has to be tough to cook for everyone on campus. The workers do it every day—without tips. Next time you want to complain about the food, think of that.

Our janitors do just as much if not more. They have to work with the stuff you throw away. Think those empty "soda" boxes just disappear after the weekend? No. Someone else always has to clean up after you. Trash aside, they also keep the stairwells free of debris, empty the cigarette containers outside the dorms, clean the carpets, wash the walls, and all the other house work type stuff your mother makes you do when you go home.

The computer proctors also stay in the lab just a little later so you can finish that 30-page paper due tomorrow. They're even nice enough to refill the paper tray after you've printed the third draft. Did you know they even dust off the computers so they are pretty the next morning?

A little "thank you" goes a long way if you make it count. Let the workers on campus know you appreciate them.

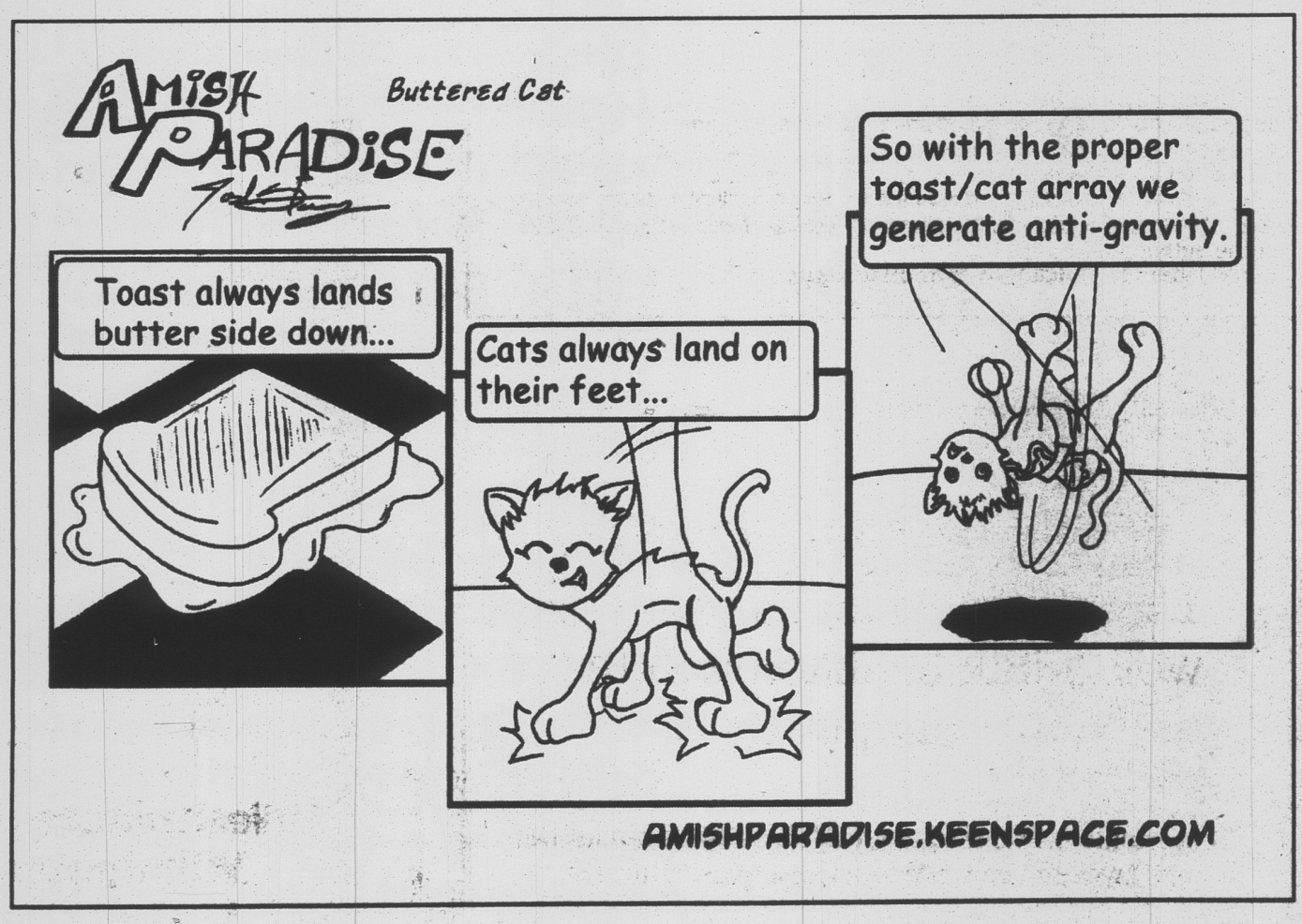
Let's not forget the people working registration the last few days. They had to sit with each and every one of us (graduating seniors excluded) and write our schedules.

A little "thank you" goes a long way if you make it count. Let the workers on campus know you appreciate them. Something as small as holding a door for the janitor as she pushes a bin of garbage out to the truck, or small talk with the person behind the counter as he serves you food can brighten someone's day.

Too much belligerence already exists in the world; why do we have to add to it? One of our campus's appeals is the friendly atmosphere. Let's make sure it stays that way.

Hold the door for the person 10 steps behind you. Compliment a groundskeeper on the landscaping. Even say "hi" to a completely random passerby. At the very least, you'll make them smirk if not smile.

It seems that complaining and being miserable about something is the fad these days. Try being optimistic for a change. A lot of people on this campus are getting their jobs done. Let them know you care. It may sound all warm and squishy, but who knows, it might actually make the campus better.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Westminster College community,

On April 19th - 22nd, 2002, thousands of people will gather in Washington, D.C. to raise awareness and promote mass mobilization for political change. Each group present in D.C., whether it be the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition, Veterans for Peace, or United Students Against Sweatshops, will gather under the pretext of global justice and peace. Peace is not merely an abstract concept or a cause for others to worry about; it is a human right. It's a human right that is worth fighting for and protecting, even at Westminster College.

The first step to promoting a peaceful existence is education. Sandy Kelson, founder of the Pittsburgh chapter of Veterans for Peace, spoke at the Peace Studies Coffeehouse on April 4. He stressed that we, as students, professors, and as Americans, cannot blindly accept that war is the only answer. We cannot blindly accept that the United States is the "good guy" in every global situation, in every war. We should question the knowledge that is given to us, and challenge our government, and ourselves, to a better existence.

I know it seems as though there is nothing that we, as students, can do. The first step is education, being knowledgeable about what is happening in the global community. Alternative new sources that outline the news that major corporations and the U.S. government won't allow mainstream newspapers to publish are out there. Once you become aware of what has happened to innocent people as a result of United State's actions, it's very hard to continue look the other way.

At the coffeehouse yesterday, I heard one woman's tragic story about the oppression of her family in Chile due, in part, to the United States, and I realized how much I have yet to learn. I know that the world is not perfect, and that a peaceful existence seems just a little too idealistic, but I think it's important to be aware of the suffering that occurs everyday due to the selfish actions of the collective American community. People suffer so we can live lavishly. Is it worth it? Perhaps it's easier to be unaware. Knowing that my lifestyle could be the cause of others' suffering is almost more than I can bear.

There are many students on campus, though, who do want to be aware. They are dedicated to raising awareness of the issues being discussed in D.C. on April 20th here at Westminster. If you are interested in participating in a demonstration for political change on Friday, April 19th, please contact me at mamulame@westminster.edu.

For alternative news sources and additional information on global injustice, check out the following websites: www.zmag.org and www.unitedwemarch.org.

Sincerely,

Megan Mamula

Dear Editor,

Reflecting on this school year and my college education in general I realize that the more I learn the more ignorant I feel. With a liberal arts education we are encouraged to question ideas and practices within and outside of our majors. With all of the requirements to graduate, electives, clusters and gyms, it is easy to get caught up in it all and tune out the rest of the world. However, every once in a while the voice of a news anchor or a statistic in the newspaper breaks the protective barrier of ignorance that I have built.

Recently WC started to provide an opportunity that prevents me from rebuilding the wall. Attending the coffee houses and reading the biographies of the speakers have served as a wake-up call. Theses figures have taken a chance to do something about the ignorance in this world. They challenge us to do the same.

Though it is discouraging to hear about the suffering in our country and abroad, I am even more frustrated by the fact that I often do not know the role that our government is playing in the global events. If anyone feels the same way I invite them to do some research on their own. A few helpful sites include:, www.zmag.org www.thomasmertoncenter.org and www.gospan.org.

If you do not have time to check these out or you wish to voice your thoughts and/or concerns, I encourage you to join students and faculty in the Quad on Friday, April 19th to become more aware of what is really going on in the world. If you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail feel free to email them to me at mathercl@westminster.edu.

Sincerely,

Carrie Mathers

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Send us a letter.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Death To Smoochy

Tyler Domske

This week's feature is Danny DeVito's truly black comedy, *Death to Smoochy*. This dirty little gem stars supercool actor Edward Norton and *Bicentennial Man* Robin Williams as opposing kids' show stars in a tale that covers all children's programming in a hilariously dark quilt of filthy satire.

Williams is Rainbow Randolph, twinkle-toed impresario and reigning king of TV ... that is until Randolph is caught taking bribes for spots on his show, and is disowned by the industry he once controlled. Network execs Catherine Keener (*Out of Sight* and *Being John Malkovich*) and Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") try to find a replacement for Rainbow who is totally squeaky clean.

Enter Smoochy, a large purple rhino who is working methadone clinics singing songs about staying off smack, played with comedic brilliance by Edward Norton (arguably the best actor of this generation) any doubters should be directed to *Primal Fear, American History X,* and, um, ... *Fight Club*).

Norton's violet saint is thrust into an industry filled with corruption and slimy characters like DeVito's own portrayal of an agent who leeches onto Smoochy faster than you can deny ever watching Barney as a kid. This film then moves through scene after hilariously quirky scene as Smoochy tries to protect his integrity and his life against the network, the mob, and Rainbow Randolph himself.

The best part of the movie is quite possibly the rebirth of Robin Williams. Finally the man is back. For years he's been trying to convince us that he is not funny anymore, wading through crap like *Father's Day, Being Human, Bicentennial Man,* and many other forgettable films he's made since the Oscar winning turn in *Good Will Hunting*. He almost had me convinced, but then along comes his turn as Rainbow Randolph, his most insanely funny turn since *The Fisher King*.

Williams is a genius, but one with no common sense in choosing movie roles, and so it's nice to see he has finally lucked into another good role.

This movie is both quirky and dark, as well as a whole lot of silly, so it may not be for everyone, but if you love laughing at things that make you feel bad for laughing at them, go see this movie. Norton is great, Williams is fantastic, and the songs are hysterical.

And check out www.smoochymustdie.com. Hilarity.

Grade: A

Worth: This one is worth full price, but could be good at any price. The big screen isn't required, but if you want to laugh, go see this movie.

I'll see you cats later, when we are all one week closer to graduation, Charlie Chaplin's birthday, and the release of the new *Star Wars*.

Brad Dell

So, I have started to run. I'm doing it for my health ... a few miles a couple times of week. And, you know, I thought that I was really beginning to build up some endurance. But no marathon or Forrest Gump-like cross-country jaunt could prepare me for the exceedingly painful drudge of my recent trip to the cinema to see *Death to Smoochy*.

Running up Volant hill in the freezing rain with "The Song that Never Ends" running incessantly through your head would be a more enjoyable experience than sitting through such a "smooch of death."

The film focuses on the coveted battle for the primetime slot on the completely fictional, though reasonably believable, child television network, KidNet. It seems that KidNet is like super Disney times 10. (Doesn't that have you shaking in your britches?) Kiddie star, Rainbow Randolph (played by the many faces of Robin Williams) is ousted from the show when he's caught taking bribes from parents who want their kids on the show.

Yearning to avoid another crooked star, KidNet execs hire Sheldon Mopes (an always above-par Edward Norton) a squeaky clean creature who plays an overgrown, overstuffed, motivational, fuchsia rhino named Smoochy. Smoochy sings about how to kick your crack habit and how to handle your stepdad. Of course Rainbow Randolph flips on the Rhino and is out to get him. And by the end, everyone is out to kill him except the Irish mob; they're on his side. (Incidentally, the mob was the only part of the film I could stomach ... but I'm a sucker for the mafia.)

Death to Smoochy

Tyler gives it an A

Brad gives it zero fluffy fuscia horns

A completely ridiculous, though totally predictable love story develops between Sheldon (the Clark Kent of Smoochy) and KidNet's vice president in charge of development, Nora Wells. At first, she insults him with ridiculous comments like, "I have more emotional attachment to my nail polish than I do to you." (I'm sure screenwriter Adam Resnik, the scribe of *Cabin Boy*, is on the shortlist for Oscar hopefuls.)

Then, without any hint of motivation, cupid shoots an arrow right through her and the overgrown Teletubby, and suddenly she's almost saying, "Is that a horn on your head, or are you happy to see me?" She's ripping the plush suit off and making monkey with the rhino. From then to the end her acid tongue is replaced with corn syrup sweetness that nearly had me eating through my theater seat to get away from the sugar smack glare. The feminist police should have a field day with this one.

Robin Williams is particularly over-the-top in this poorly-written and undeveloped maniac role. Yes, he's a bad guy. But I'm not upset that Patch Adams is dropping the F-bomb. I just wish he'd have said something else even slightly worth listening to.

Director Danny Devito also plays the part of Smoochy's crooked agent, and he's as original as Joan Rivers' facial structure. Aren't there any other crass, fat, little bald men out there? John Stewart was in the film as well, but I really have no idea why.

This film is suffering from a severe personality crisis. It tries to be a comedy, but the only joke is on Norton and Williams who agreed to star in this career-stumbling flop. It's kind of a psychological thriller, but there's more suspense on "Sesame Street." It wants to be a romance, but we care more about our nail polish than about anyone in this opaque story. In the end, Smoochy is nothing more than Ghetto-Barney with some sex, lies and midgets (oh yeah, a lot of midgets) ... shock value for the truly stupid at heart.

The film receives zero fluffy fuscia horns.

Staley's advice to the unmotivated: ice cream helps

By Beth Staley
A&E Editor

Summer is just around the corner, but for most students, that corner is bleak, cluttered and foreboding.

Do you dread finals or even just class tomorrow? Do you have a pile of work on your desk, beside your desk, in your desk and under your desk? Do you want to hide, or worse, do you want to dress up like a squirrel and enter the wilderness in a way that would impress even Thoreau?

Don't let school make you crazy. It's almost over. I know that everyone has Senioritis right now, and that's okay because I've come up with a list of things that will help you get through the stress and strain of college.

Tip #1) Before you delve into all that work you've been putting off, clean up your workspace. Clean your entire dorm room or apartment. Make it smell nice with Glade plug-ins, flowers or potpourri. Be sure that it is very comfortable. Rearrange a couple of things so the place feels a bit different. Look up feng shui on the Internet and arrange your living area so that the energy level in it is optimized. You'll return to your homework refreshed. Even if you don't understand your homework, your self-esteem will rise because you understand where everything in your room is.

Tip #2) So, your room is clean and you still can't focus on your homework. Perhaps you need to clear your mind with some stress-relief. Ask competitive swimmers how many hours they spend in the pool each day during training season, and spend that much time in the bathtub each day for a week. If you don't have a bathtub because you live in a dorm, then go home for a weekend and take many baths. You'll feel rejuvenated and calm, and if your homework still disgusts you, at least your body odor won't.

Tip #3) Perhaps you need a complete change of atmosphere in order to engage yourself in your schoolwork. Get out of your room. Go to the Down Under on Monday or Thursday night to study. Go to the library. Go to Brittain Lake. Find a place where you can relax and not be distracted by TV, food, friends, AOL Instant Messenger, Amish people and squirrels.

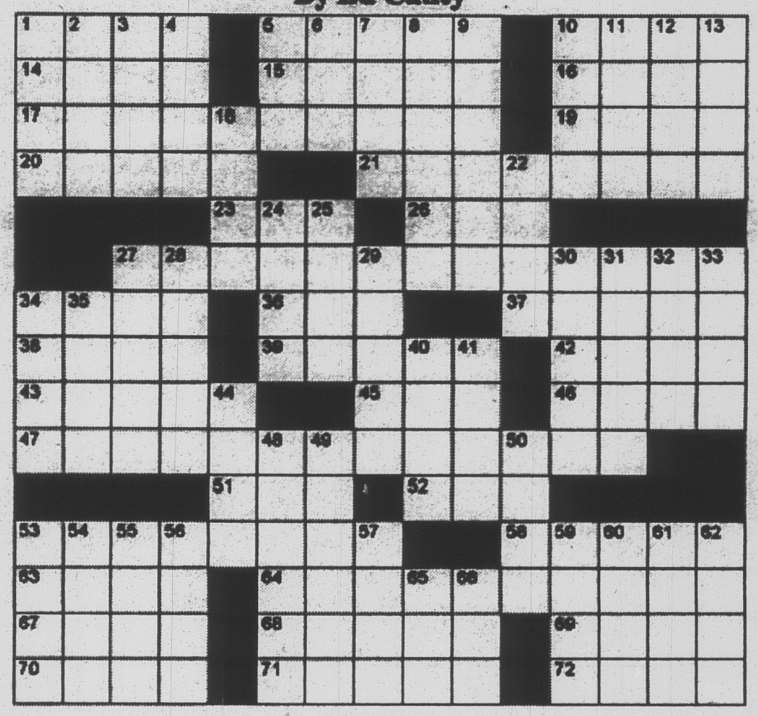
Tip #4) If you still cannot focus on anything, then I feel sorry for you. However, I'll still try to help you. Why not reward yourself for the amount of work you do each day? I don't want you to feel like a dog, but the reward system is very effective. Even if you don't have a lot of money, you can reward yourself with an 88-cent kite from Wal-Mart or an ice cream cone from Isaly's. If you need more of a reward, then think in terms of expensive kites or ice cream cakes. Please don't underestimate the motivational power of kites and ice cream. You may also consider CDs, concert tickets and clothes. Perhaps you could talk your parents into rewarding you.

I hope that my suggestions help and amuse you. If you ever have a question or need advice, feel free to e-mail holcad@westminster.edu and a response will appear in The Holcad. Responses will be anonymous if you request so. You may also submit anonymous letters in the rant n rave box.

Crossword 101

Echo Chamber

By Ed Canty



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17 Curse at the water barrier
19 Fulcrum
20 Hoard
21 Oil measuring rod
23 Imitate
26 _____ Baba
27 What the carpenter did
34 Actor Baldwin
36 Railroad track part
37 Pacific island group
38 Storm
39 Ship part
42 Shred
43 Birdlike
45 Definite article
46 Football players
47 Prohibited the orchestra
51 Broadcast
52 Viper
53 Molding
58 Rigid
63 Man for one
64 Unemployed movie star
67 ____ Cove, Long Island
68 Lure
69 Skin opening
70 Lampblack
71 Native American from Missouri
72 Murdered

Down

1 Art movement
2 Test
3 _____ Mater
4 Rumpus rooms
5 Residue
6 Buck's mate
7 Roger ____:Broadcast journalist
8 Book of the Bible
9 Philadelphia university
10 Petty quarrel
11 Hack
12 Narrative poem
13 Mardi Gras attire
18 Former Russian monarch
22 Relatives
24 Favorites
25 Proof read
27 Start
28 Body of water
29 Saw part
30 Cheerios, e.g.
31 Alter
32 Highway
33 Patriotic org. members
34 Middle East resident
35 Molten rock
40 Ostrich cousin
41 Beaks
44 Follows hornet or mouse
48 Constellation
49 Strings
50 Church part
53 Hairpieces
54 City in Norway
55 Spread
56 Depression
57 ____ Dam
59 Pointers
60 Golden calf
61 Comes before arm or foot
62 Went via Delta
65 Newfoundland, e.g.
66 Soap ingredient

Quotable Quote

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

• • • *Mother Theresa*

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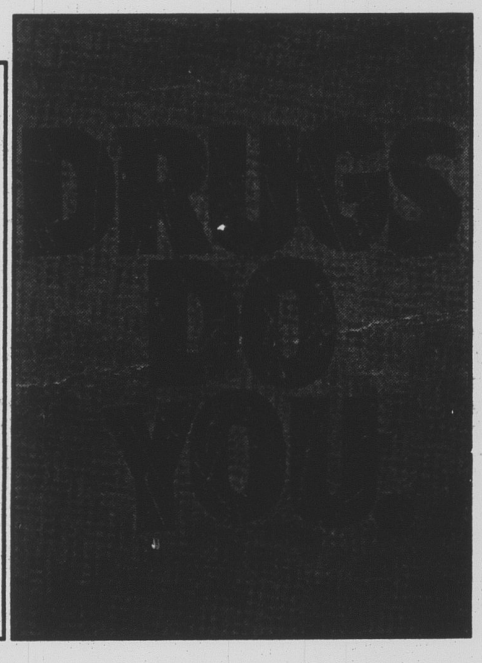


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Pull out all the stops this week and go ahead with those plans, everything you need is now in place. Your idea of how things are supposed to be and reality will always conflict, so don't let it stop you. Matters on the homefront must be taken care of.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Don't jump to conclusions about anything; if it looks to good to be true, it probably is. Look beyond appearances and check out all the facts first. Play your hunches, because your intuition is working overtime this week. Your evenings may be filled with intense romance.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Hindsight is always 20-20. So stop feeling sorry for yourself this week and look around to see just how rich and full your life really is. A friend may pull you out of the doldrums.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
An overlooked detail in your financial dealings must be searched out and taken care of, otherwise it may cause some inconvenience. Since you love tradition and are not overly fond of change, don't be alarmed about the changes; just roll with the punches.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
This week may find you finishing a project with the help of a cool and calm approach. Take a moment to review your work and look for any improvements for the next time. A little soul-searching is in order, so bring up old memories, however painful.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Your money matters may need a bit more juggling than usual during the week, and may be due to your dependence on someone who is not very dependable. Cut your losses and move on. Just who or what are you saving your love and affection for? Make your own needs a priority.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
A calm and cool exterior will do more for you than hysteria this week. You have a good reason to not let your feelings get the best of you. Your primary love relationship seems to be heading in a new direction, one which will be beneficial for the both of you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders during the week. Just continue to do a good job, but don't take it with such a life or death attitude. A lover or partner may be in hysterics, so just listen compassionately and save your reply until later.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
An opportunity this week needs to be seized now before it is snapped up by another. Things around you may have become a little slow, even routine. Try something new to eject a little life into your day and let those creative juices start to flow.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A fortress in your life may be slowly crumbling during the week, but if you look at the situation on a positive note, it may be able to provide you with the chance to rebuild according to your own design and desire. Don't take any foolish risks with your health.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Someone in your life seems to be trying to dominate your every move. This person needs to be put in his place with as much tact as possible. Things may be changing regarding your personal lifestyle, but everything will work out for the best.

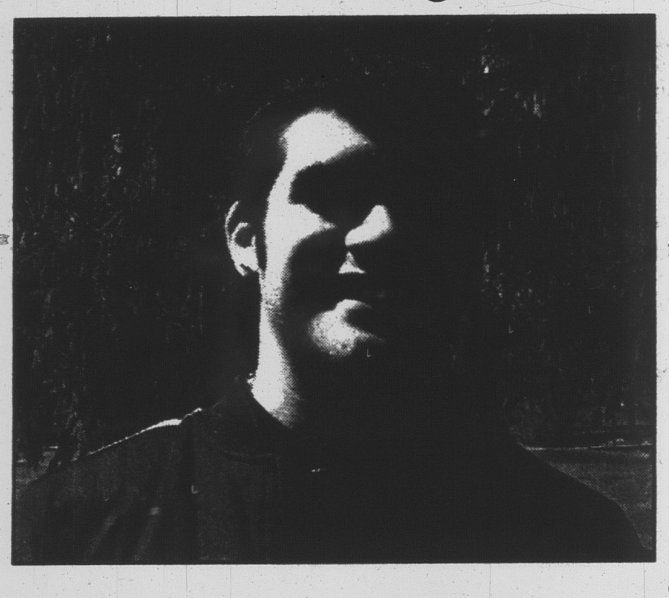
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
The choices you make this week will depend on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what is really in your best interest. You must be able to maintain a certain level of enthusiasm if you want to accomplish everything on time.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are naturally very practical and grounded in your thoughts and actions. Your fondness for comfort will find you in plush surroundings and sensual pleasures are very important to you. You prefer monogamous relationships, where you can put your best foot forward.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Phil Falcocchio and Dr. James Cummins



Name: Phil Falcocchio
Year at Westminster: sophomore
Major: Public relations, but I'm transferring so I guess communications

What is your astrology sign?
Taurus

What is your strongest addiction?
It would be a tie between my guitar and nicotine. The first I wish I could make stronger. The second I can't wait to have the willpower to get rid of.

First child's name?
If it's a boy, Desedario. If it's a girl, Gabrielle.

Someone who always makes you laugh?
Police Officers.

Where do you want to live when you grow up?
Somewhere close to where I live right now.

What is your goal in life?
Something with music, whether it be long term or many short-term affairs and to be happy regardless of the money I would make.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand?
Right now I am on, what's it called? That baking soda and peroxide kick. But at home Aquafresh just tastes better.

What is your favorite season?
Spring.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail?
Way too many, surprisingly, and I actually need to quit.

Tell me a story about yourself... Once I was an ice cream man for a day. For the first day I thought I was going in for training but it ended up being a full day of work from 11 a.m. 'til 10:30 at night. I ended up having the worst experience of my life and I thought it would have been the most ideal summer job. In the middle of the day, as disgruntled and haggard-looking as I was, the photographer from the county newspaper decided to take my picture for the front-page for an article on the beginning of summer.

Name: Dr. James Cummins
Year at Westminster: end of the 39th year
Department: Professor of Spanish in the Modern Language Department

What is your astrology sign?
Cancer

What is your strongest addiction?
Coffee, I guess.

First child's name?
Jeff.

Someone who always makes you laugh?
Both my wife and my son do.

Where do you want to live when you grow up?
Well, I just want to stay here.

What is your goal in life?
Well, this will be the second time around after teaching. I'd like to look into some other areas of opportunity. So I guess to find some fulfillment in other areas like some more missions trips such as going back to Cuba and Bolivia and just travel for enjoyment.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand?
I think its Dentament. It's a little pump thing in two parts. One with peroxide, the other with baking soda.

What is your favorite season?
Probably fall. I like the colors. Unfortunately it is very short. Spring is nice too, but pretty soon you are into mowing grass and heat.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail?
Probably three or four.

Tell me a story about yourself... When I was teaching high school in Jersey, I had a student in class who never prepared his work and just sat there looking at me. He came in one day with a drop/add form. The drop/add form had the class he was going into. I taught that class too. As I was signing the drop I said to him, "Oh, I see you are going into my other section. I'll sign that form while you're here." He looked at me with a surprise and said, "You teach that section too!" For the rest of the year he came in and never did anything and failed the course.

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

Last weekend I was fortunate enough to attend the Galactic concert in Cleveland. Not only was the concert phenomenal, but it also made me think about a few things concerning the "college" experience.

I know New Wilmington is hardly a big town and doesn't cater to college students seeking bars and large venues, but it does have its perks after all.

While in Cleveland, we got somewhat lost on our way home. We ventured into what seemed to be a bad part of town. The man lying in an abandoned alley hinted at that. Now, I'm from Pittsburgh, so it is quite difficult for me to speak about Cleveland in a good light, but I'm going to try.

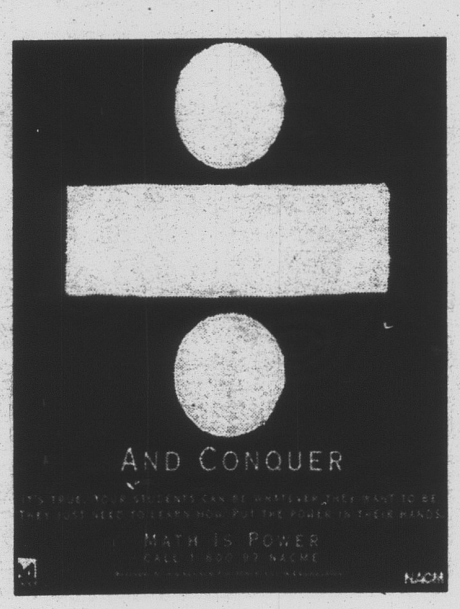
I did not see much of the city, as it was dark outside when we got there, but I really didn't see much I out-and-out hated. In fact, Cleveland almost reminds me of Pittsburgh in a few ways. Plus it is home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We also found it amusing to sing the Drew Carey Show theme song ("Cleveland, Cleveland Rocks" - this is the edited version by the way) while trying to find the concert.

Anyway, as an avid frequenter of larger towns --primarily Pittsburgh and a few others in years past, when I first arrived at school I didn't think New Wilmington was going to satisfy my concert cravings or my need for culture. I have even been known to complain about New Wilmington because of these things.

However, the trip to Cleveland reminded me that I am lucky to live in a small town like New Wilmington.I don't need to worry about getting my car stolen (I do, however, have to worry about someone pushing it into the creek, but that's another story).

Rarely do I have to worry about venturing into the "bad" part of town. Is there such a thing? Maybe behind Red's ... but I'll save that for another article. I don't have to lock the doors when driving at night and the only people I'll ever discover lying on the ground are probably drunk and passed out college students--not dead bodies.

And although New Wilmington doesn't have much to satisfy my cultural or music-oriented cravings, more than enough places are located within a two-hour drive--Cleveland, Pittsburgh, or even Philadelphia. New Wilmington is more or less a safe place to go to college, and I must say, that is refreshing.



Your Student Government Association

By Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association held its third meeting with the new senate Wednesday night.

The main event SGA is working on is Volley Rock, which will be held Saturday, May 4. Sign-ups are taking place now through April 19.

Teams must have at least six people and can have one alternate. At least two women must be on each team. Team captains must have the team name and money ready at registration. The cost if $4 per person and includes a T-shirt, all-you-can-eat Quaker Steak and Lube wings, a DJ, games, sno cones, cotton candy and much more. Also, if you would like to see anything else at Volley Rock, contact Special Events chair, Carolee Reed.

Congratulations to Allison Evans and Scott Barrie for winning this year's logo contest. They each win $25 and will see their designs on this year's Volley Rock t-shirts.

Tickets for College Day at Kennywood on Sunday, May 5, are still on sale. The ticket includes a Kennywood ride-all-day ticket and a Sandcastle Whitewater slide-all-day ticket. The Sandcastle ticket is good for any operating day in June. The cost is $10. Pirates tickets are also still on sale. To purchase tickets for either event, or for more information, contact Reed.

The judicial committee discussed campus issues. This week they talked about soap dispensers for all campus bathrooms, security problems and doctor hours in the student health center.

The finance committee will be auditing all campus organizations April 23 - 25. If you are an organization president or treasurer and didn't attend Tuesday night's meeting, please contact Finance chair, Drew Huston.

The campus community is welcome to attend all SGA meetings. If you would like to voice your opinion, come to Phillips Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night.

Come to

Volley Rock 2002

on Saturday, May 4

from DESALVO page one

"Though teaching limits my practicing time, I really love to teach piano."

DeSalvo taught piano lessons to junior Ericka Peterson. "Dr. DeSalvo was really great; she was very patient with me and I could tell she enjoyed teaching the piano. I was very happy and impressed when I heard she won the Steinway Award," Peterson said.

DeSalvo was not certain she won the award until late March. She received a letter from the Steinway Company congratulating her.

"The recital was scheduled well before I thought I was going to get the award," DeSalvo said. "It was an added bonus that I could receive it then."

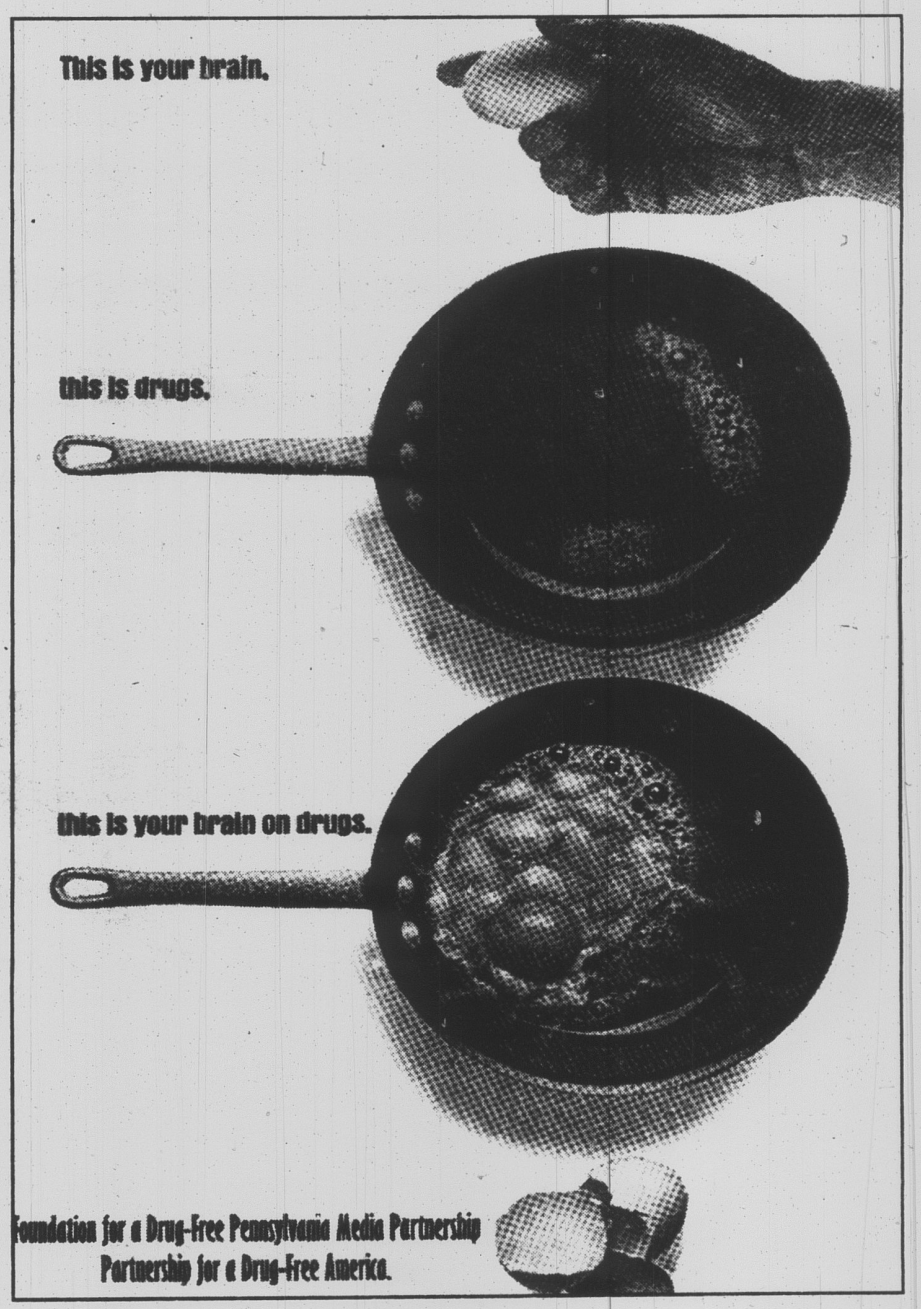
Besides being a full time music professor, DeSalvo is the pianist with the Amici Trio, is pianist with the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, and has been guest soloist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra.

"I've studied and performed extensively in New York and put a lot of time into music," DeSalvo said. "A friend told me that I wasn't receiving this award for one night's work, but for the years of dedication I've put into the piano. That was nice to hear."

DeSalvo is the first professor at Westminster to receive the Steinway Artist Award.

Contributed Photo
President R. Thomas Williamson congratulates Nancy DeSalvo.

"To have a Steinway Artist award winner on our faculty will be a great boon to our department. We are very proud of Dr. DeSalvo," said Grover Pitman, chair of the music department. "The awards are very coveted and therefore only a small number are given each year."



CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH has an exciting unpaid internship opportunity in the marketing department for college students in their junior or senior year. This position requires 15-20 hours-per-week for the duration of the semester. For more information regarding this communications internship or to send a resume write Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Marketing Department, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15213 or e-mail cignal@carnegielibrary.org. The Career Center also has more information on this internship.

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH in Morgantown, W.Va. is looking for an individual interested in working side by side with the pastor in a new church setting. This individual would be involved with worship, small groups, youth ministries, children ministries and events designed to attract the unchurched. For more information, contact Pastor Brian Kiehl at (309) 292-4963.

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS has an excellent volunteer opportunity for Westminster students. Three clean-up days, which last approximately four hours, are planned for Saturday mornings in the spring and summer. These clean-up days are always followed by a picnic lunch, which give students a chance to meet and interact with other area citizens. The Career Center has more information or contact the group at (724) 342-5453 or e-mail shenangoriver@hotmail.com.

THE EINTRACHT MAENNERCHOR of New Castle, a German men's chorus, is producing an Octoberfest in cooperation with the SNPJ Recreation Center, and is looking for people to solicit ads for a brochure. Ads cost $400 and up, and a 10 percent commission will be paid for each secured ad. Position is available immediately through the third week in May or completion of the brochure. Applicants must have a car and be willing to travel throughout greater New Castle. Training provided. For more information contact Dan Forsberg at (724) 946-3649 or e-mail danualforsberg@hotmail.com.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Customer Service Center, will again be interviewing on campus for part-time PAID positions in Hermitage, E. State Street, near the mall. 24-25 hours/week, from (roughly) 4 pm until 10 p.m. Monday and Friday evenings, for sure. $8.00/hour. Permanent, not just a summer position. Interviewing will be held on the morning of Tuesday, April 16. Reply to this e-mail by Friday, April 12, if interested.

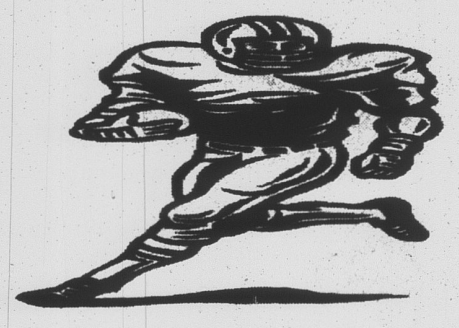
CAMP RUN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is looking for an intern to lead a junior church worship for elementary age children. ALL MAJORS welcome. The PAID position will run from September through May. and will involve a 30-45 minute session at 9:30 Sunday mornings, as well as some preparation (help will be available), during the week. The church is located between Zelienople and Ellwood City, on Rt. 288, about ½ hour from Westminster. If interested, please call Rev. Andy Schaeffer at (724) 752-1792.

BAYER CORPORATION needs summer interns at their Robinson Township office near the airport. The pay varies according to class year. The internships run from mid-May to mid to late August. Visit their website at www.bayerjobs.com. They're specifically interested in Business, Chemistry, Biology, PR, and Accounting majors. You may e-mail or fax resumes to Clay Miller at clay.miller.b@bayer.com or 412-777-5692. The deadline for applications is April 12, 2002.

NEEDED IN-HOME SITTER for two small children in Hermitage residence from May-August, weekdays from 8:30-5:30. If interested please call Dawn at 724-866-2730.

Former player for the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Pittsburgh Steelers John Kolb

9 pm Monday April 15th Down Under



All are invited!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 12
11:40 p.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Thiel
7:00 p.m. PRSSA Philanthrophy Fundraiser - Down Under
10:00 p.m. Band: "Arizona Bay" - Down Under

SATURDAY 13
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. "Women of Westminster" Seminar – Russell Dining Room
10:00 a.m. LEAD Workshop – Down Under
11:00 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. Pitt-Greensburg (H)
11:00 a.m. Men's and Women's Track & Field @ Geneva Invitational
1:00 Baseball vs. Carnegie Mellon (H)
3:00 p.m. Softball @Thiel
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Faith Prince in Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. CPC Presents: Steve Byrne (comic) - Down Under

SUNDAY 14
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field @ Geneva Invitational
Men's Golf @ Hershey Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Lake Erie (H)
3:00 p.m. Senior Recital - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Christy Lecture Vesper Service: Dr. Darwin W. Huey, speaker - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: Training Day - Down Under

MONDAY 15
Men's Golf @ Hershey Invitational
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
1:00 p.m. Women's Golf: Mary Louise Cleland Eckles Invitational (H)
3:00 p.m. Softball @ Slippery Rock
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
7:30 p.m. Men's Chorus Concert - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 16
FILE FAFSA 2002
Pa. Grant Deadline: May 17, 2001
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ LaRoche
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00-9:00 p.m. Room Drawing for Upperclass Women - Russell Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Chapter Meeting - OM 210
8:00 Foreign Film Festival: Raise the Red Lantern (Mandarin Chinese with English subtitles) - Down Under

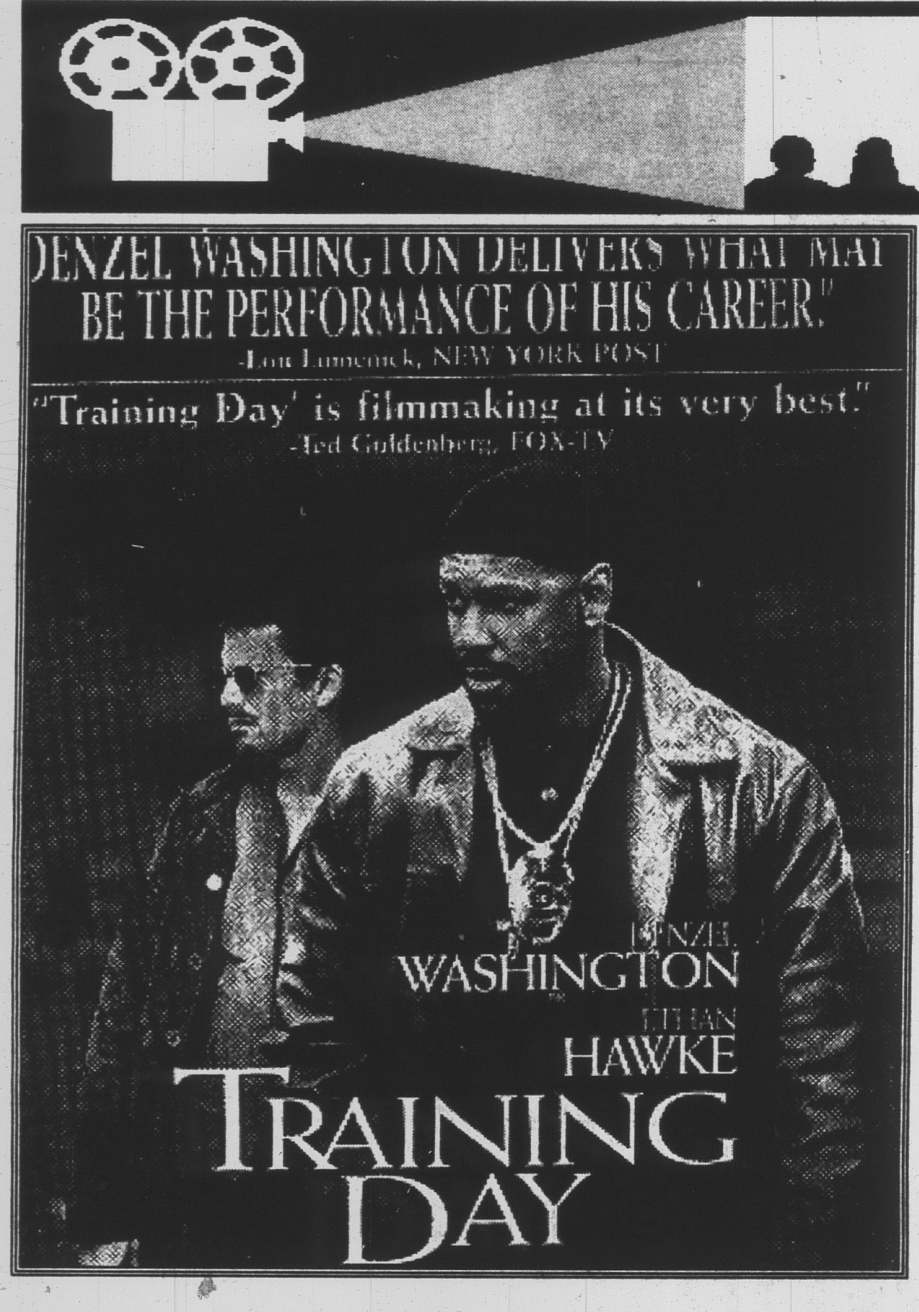
WEDNESDAY 17
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Ross Wastvedt, " Evolution Abroad" - PH 311
12:30 p.m. Women's Golf @ Waynesburg College Invitational
3:00 p.m. Softball vs. Waynesburg (H)
4:00 p.m. Last Lecture Series: Dr. Joseph M. Hopkins, professor emeritus of religion – Down Under
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Association Meeting
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 18
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Room Drawing for First-Year Women - Russell Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Twelfth Night - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program - Orr

DANCE THEATRE'S
SPRING PERFORMANCE
April 18th, 19th, 20th
Orr Auditorium

Thursday- 8:00pm
Friday- 8:00pm
Saturday- 2:00pm

At the Down Under



Weekend Schedule

April 12 - Friday
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Turn Up the Heat,
Turn Up the Volume

Featuring local musicians

April 13 - Saturday
8:00 p.m.

Comic
Steve Byrne

April 14 - Sunday
9:00 p.m.

Movie:
Training Day

Upcoming Events Spring '02

April 12 - PRSSA Event

April 13 - Comic Steve Byrne

April 19 - 21 Lil Sibs' Weekend

April 19 - JT's Cafe

April 26 - Feast 'n Fire

May 3 - JT's Cafe

May 4 - VolleyRock
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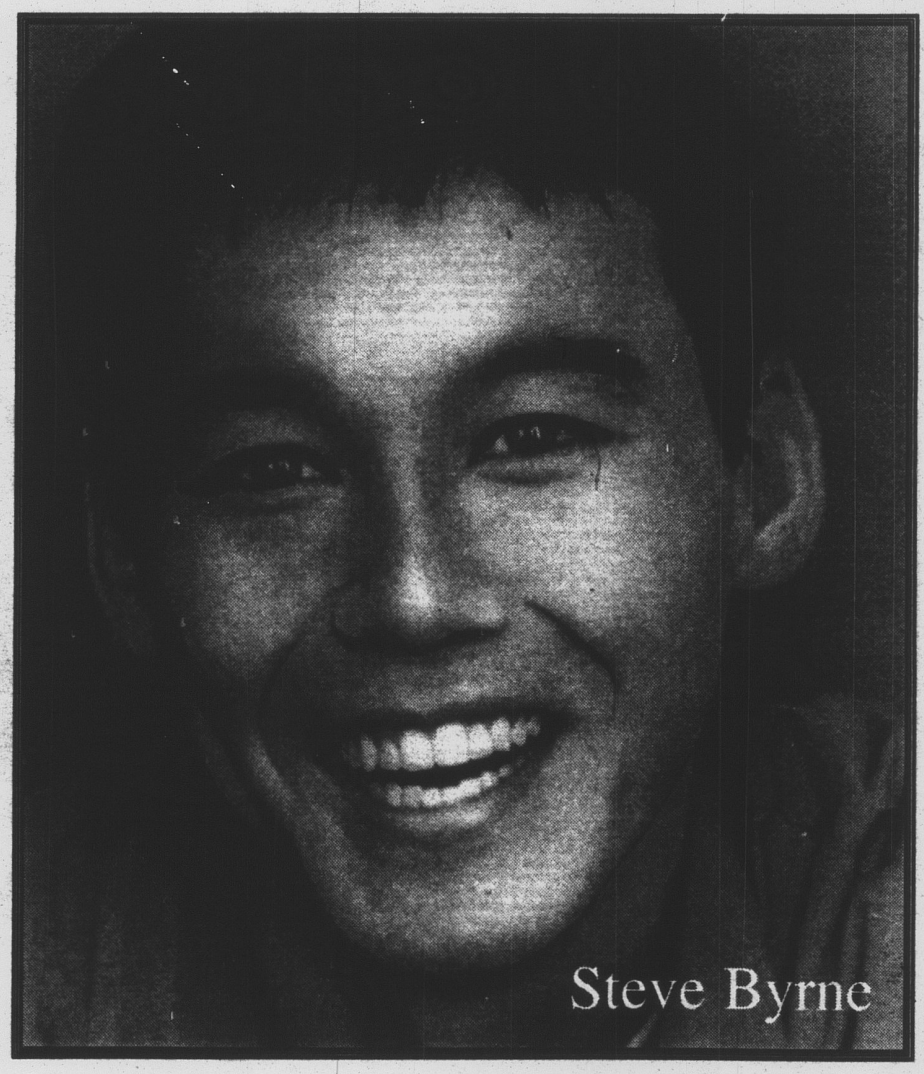
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Dance Theater Spring Show

Photo by Craig Carlin

Krissy Arena and Jaime Harkins perform.

By Lauren Annibale
Staff Writer

The students of Dance Theatre present the annual Spring Concert this weekend in Orr Auditorium.

The concert, which began yesterday has a patriotic theme this year.

"The opening act is very patriotic, reflecting on September 11th, with a variety of U.S. songs," Artistic Director Gina Sharbaugh said.

About 65 girls are involved in the program. Because of the large number of girls, 16 acts make up the show. Months of preparation are lead up to the spring concert. Auditions were held last September and rehearsals began in October.

"All of the dancers have really worked hard this year to put together a fun and entertaining show," Vice President Allison Corwin said.

This year has been different from past years because of the unavailability of the dance studio due to construction. The stu-

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Earth Day activities to be held Sat.

By Amy Bridge
Staff Writer

This year's weeklong Earth Day celebration, sponsored by SAVE, will focus on environmental celebration and education.

Peace Studies hosted an environmental panel discussion on April 14, and the campus will observe Earth Day on April 20. Lil' Sibs weekend, Relay for Life and SAVE coordinators planned the campus activities.

"Earth Day is a day when the entire campus and the world can celebrate and appreciate all the earth provides for us," SAVE president Gwen Kennedy said. "With everything going on in our lives, we never take the time to recognize where the things we have come from."

Earth Day festivities will be held on the field from noon until 5 p.m. Don Blakesly, the Mercer County Recycling coordinator, and representatives from Allegheny National Forest and Jennings Environmental Center will attend. Booths for the "do's and don'ts" of recycling on campus, the newly established Green Party and tie-dyeing will be set up. Students interested in tie-dyeing must provide their own shirts.

A Lil' Sibs environmental poster-making contest and a recycling contest are also planned. On April 23, Oceana, a non-profit environmental group focused on preserving the world's oceans, will provide a video documentary.

"Earth Day allows people to open up their minds to environmental issues, and

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Peace Rally to be held today

By Jennifer Mossor
Staff Writer

"Bursting the Westminster Bubble" is a peace rally for global awareness that will take place today, April 19, at noon on the Quad.

The grassroots group of students conducting the event will be handing out pamphlets and answering questions all afternoon. A professor will also speak about the major concerns of our world today. Additional information will be provided outside the cafeteria prior to the event.

The purpose of the rally is to raise awareness on four issues: violence in the war on terrorism, environmental concerns, globalization, and civil liberties/domestic affairs.

"I just hope that the Westminster community realizes that though we are probably in one of the safest areas in the United States, if not the world, these issues are affecting us and we do, in turn, affect them," senior Carrie Mathers said.

Although the group of students hosting the rally has strong opinions about the need for peace in today's world, the primary goal of the rally is to inform, not necessarily persuade. "We want people to realize that they don't have to accept war and violence. Peace is a choice and a possible answer," senior Beth Staley said.

When Staley first had the idea for a peace rally, she sent out a mass e-mail to various friends to see if anyone was interested in organizing the event. Carrie Mathers and Megan Mamula responded with enthusiasm. Inspired by the many

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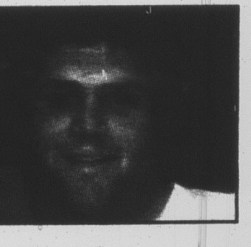

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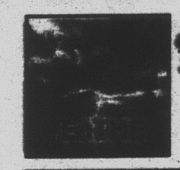

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Saturday M. Cloudy high 69° low 37°

Sunday: Rain high 57° low 30°

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CAMPUS NEWS

One new RD chosen for next year; two more to come

By B. G. Davison
Staff Writer

The student affairs office has been interviewing and searching for three more resident directors to take over as leaders for tomorrow's students.

Only one position has been filled. Seth McCormick, a 2002 graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., will take over the reins as RD of Russell Hall. Shaw Hall and Hillside residents will definitely have a new RD for next semester, but it has not been decided who those people will be.

Molly Burnett, assistant dean of student affairs, said that it takes a special person to supervise campus's 43 resident assistants, oversee the operation of front desks, assist students with personal problems and provide educational and social opportunities for residents.

"When we interview a residence director candidate, we have to be confident that they are ready to assume those responsibilities before we even think of offering them the position," Burnett said.

RDs stress their positive relationship to students.

"We do not get paid to 'bust' the students of the dorms," Eichenauer RD Tim Bogertman said. "We want to give students the freedom they deserve. We just try to organize programs, socials to keep you guys out of trouble."

Residence directors must commit to living with the students and be ready to serve as educators outside of the classroom.

"I learned many things about life from my RDs in the past. I'm glad that they gave me some direction which guided me to where I am at today," junior Kevin Humberston said. "Over the years, we have had fantastic residence directors who have lived up to and beyond the expectations of the position," Burnett said.

Fresh Start staff prepares for next year

By Nancy Wicks
Staff Writer

The student affairs offices staff is already busy planning for the New Student Orientation for the coming fall.

Adviser Camille Hawthorne, the outgoing senior coordinator Danielle Perfetti, the incoming senior coordinator Matt Pournaras, and incoming junior coordinator Stefanie Maccaglia just finished interviewing about 110 students last week for their new staff.

They said they are looking for someone outgoing, in good academic standing, involved on campus, and who displays good character. Some students return for their second and third year on staff.

The new staff will also have meetings to plan for next year's activities.

"The goals are to continue the tradition of excellence that has made Fresh Start fun, valuable and lasting," Maccaglia said. "It is our responsibility to help ease the students into their time here at Westminster and meet fellow classmates during the orientation."

The new students play "ice-breaker" games to get acquainted and are required to attend the programs on alcohol awareness, sexual assault and safe practice, safety and security, scheduling and housing.

"The Fresh Start Groups participate in Titan Traverse and learn how to work together as a team," Maccaglia said. "The new orientation staff also put on a program for the students."

Freshman Courtney Hoover comments about her experience with Fresh Start. "At first I was uncomfortable with Fresh Start, but looking back now it was really an important experience. When I went to Inquiry I was more relaxed, because of knowing some of the students from Fresh Start then the students in other classes."

As well as trying to study for finals, the new staff is busy trying to plan the activities for next year. The new staff also returns early in the fall for another orientation before the freshmen students arrive.

"We felt that we did a great job with the construction of this year and we hope to keep it just as smooth for next year," Pournaras said. "We inform more incoming students of everything that Westminster has to offer and help with any adjustments that they need to make."

PRSSA hosts crisis simulation panel

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

The Public Relations Student Society of America held a crisis management panel discussion on Thursday, April 11.

The event took place in Hoyt 152 and lasted from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. About 30 people attended to listen and learn from the four panelists.

The purpose of the event was to educate students about what actual crisis situations would be like in the fields of public relations, risk management, law and from a reporter's view point.

The panelists were given a small crisis situation prior to the event and were then asked how they would handle the problem.

Then, about every 15 minutes, the panelists were asked to open an envelope on their desks that listed another aspect of the crisis that had been discovered. E.J. Campbell, the previous PRSSA president, was the moderator for the discussion.

Sherris Moreira-Byers, a Westminster graduate, was the reporter invited from the Sharon Herald. The public relations professional, Katie Brentzel, was also a graduate from Westminster. Frank Natale was the lawyer and he has been practicing private law for about eight years in his own practice. Terry Baker Smith was the business professional, or risk management/loss prevention expert. Smith works for Sky Bank.

All the panelists had similar ways of handling the situation, but all stressed the importance of telling the truth immediately and being up front with all people involved in any type of crisis situation.

The event attracted mostly students, but some professors were present as well. People in attendance seemed generally pleased with the panel discussion and said they felt like they learned something from the panelists.

"The crisis simulation was very informative; it was interesting to get the perspectives of all the different participants," senior public relations major David Field said.

The discussion closed with some question and answer time for the panelists.

Cluster course to travel to Ireland

By Michael Armstrong
Staff Writer

On May 21, students in the Celtic Adventure cluster will fly to Ireland for a 12-day trip.

The cluster course consists of Dr. Ann Coble's Celtic spirituality class and Dr. Andrea Grove's Irish politics class. Twenty-five to 30 students will go on the trip.

"I really like this cluster," sophomore Megan McFetridge said. "Even though they are two different classes, there is a lot of overlap reinforcing what we have learned."

The Celtic spirituality class covers Irish folklore such as gnomes and saints. Students are also learning Irish folktale history.

The Irish politics class has been learning about current events such as contraception, abortion and partisan rule. Students will finish the last few weeks discussing Northern Ireland's problems. The students are also required to write a research paper on a current issue affecting Ireland.

Students must keep a journal during their trip. They will talk to Irish citizens about the nation's debated issues.

"I'm anxious to get to apply what I have been learning in the classroom. It is a great first-hand experience," sophomore Kristen Kulick said.

"I'm looking forward to meeting and experiencing a new culture," junior Jared Gashel said.

Pests in the dorm, what's to be done?

By Alicia Richie
Staff Writer

During the year, physical plant receives several complaints from students concerning pests in dorm rooms. The pests include bees, ants, ladybugs, cockroaches and mice.

If physical plant employees cannot resolve the issues, they contact their pest control vendor.

Junior and Browne Hall resident Gina Cecchetti has had problems with ladybugs. "My roommate and I had numerous ladybugs in our room last fall. I'm still finding their little bodies around the room behind furniture," she said.

Sophomore and Hillside resident Mary Kingston rescues the bugs for good luck. "I would never kill a ladybug," she said, "but, I did kill many bees in the beginning of the year. They seemed to come in the window by my desk. I generally just chased the bees around the room and whacked them with some important document, like my library handbook," she said.

"I see a few spiders here and there, and I just leave them alone so they eat other bugs," junior Ferguson resident Jennifer Beer said.

Last fall, a bat flew onto sophomore Alicia Roberts's head. "I told my RA and the RD, and I think they talked to physical plant about them [the bats], but I don't know for sure," she said.

Physical plant director Owen Wagner stresses the importance of keeping rooms and offices clean to deter pests.

"If someone notices a problem, he or she should talk to the RA or RD and building custodian, especially those with allergic reactions to bees and wasps," Wagner said. "Keep food properly stored in containers. Clean up food and drink spills in offices and rooms as soon as possible or let someone know about a spill," he said. "As long as there is food and shelter available, pests will be in our buildings."

Habitat to host Habifest to celebrate 25th anniversary

By Sarah Martin
Staff Writer

Habitat for Humanity is hosting the first ever Habifest on April 19 and 20. The purpose of the event is to promote the organization and celebrate its 25th anniversary.

"Through Habifest we want to educate the campus about what the organization does and involve students in activities," senior Lisa Whitlow said.

Habitat members will be selling donated baked goods and pottery from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday as a fundraising event.

"We have been very lucky to have everything donated," Whitlow said. "Faculty members contributed the baked goods and the pottery classes have donated pieces."

The Lawrence County chapter of Habitat donated all building materials and will supervise the shed building, which begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday by the track. Professors will head each team of volunteers, and the first team to finish will receive a prize. The event is open all day to anyone who is interested. No sign ups are necessary.

The completed sheds will be delivered to Lawrence County houses involved in the Habitat program.

This is the first time the Habitat chapter is hosting an event of this size. The members want to take advantage of Lil' Sibs weekend and Relay for Life, which bring a lot of people out on campus.

"We are not trying to compete with Relay for Life which is also going on Saturday, which is why we are not doing any fundraising that day," junior Vicki Vroble said. "And we are contributing to the American Cancer Society."

"We hope that Habifest will get big enough over the years to be held on its own weekend," Whitlow said.

Greek Week begins on Monday with kickball

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

Greek Week is quickly approaching, with kickball and Greek Feud starting off the week's events on Monday. Greek Feud is a trivia game about all the Greek organizations on campus.

This year's Greek Week committee added some new activities and brought back some old favorites. "Anything That Floats," a contest in which a fraternity makes a flotation device and is then responsible for hauling two sorority members across the lake, will be brought back this year.

The cupcake-eating contest will be brought back as well, but will be held at the annual Feast 'n Fire on Friday night.

A new event for this year's Greek Week will be a belly-flop contest. Each fraternity will have a contestant to do his best belly flop into the pool, which in turn will be judged by sorority members.

Ultimate Frisbee will be another new addition to the week's events. The new track will also be used for various track events. Volleyball has also been brought back to the Greek Week events.

Tuesday's events will be football and bocce. Bocce was a new addition last year.

Ultimate Frisbee and all track events will be held on Wednesday. Miss Titan, Sigma Kappa's annual fundraiser, will be held Wednesday night too.

Thursday's events will be softball and volleyball.

The events on Friday will be "Anything That Floats" and Tug-of-War. The popular Greek Olympics and the belly flop contest will also be on Friday. Feast 'n Fire will be held that night as well where the cupcake eating contest will take place.

Marissa Betters, senior Greek Week chair, is enthusiastic for the week and looks forward to some great participation.

"We're really excited about this year we're trying new games and using new facilities and we think that will bring a lot more people out to the events," Betters said.

The week will end on Saturday night with the much-anticipated Sing and Swing. Practices will be held every night during the week from 9:30 until 11:30 p.m. Winners for the week will be announced at Sing and Swing. An award for participation and sportsmanship will also be given this year.

We can learn from the 'West Hall Gang'

By Lydia Humenycky
Staff Writer

Westminster's high sense of kinship and team spirit were well-reflected in the community of West Hall.

West Hall, completed in the summer of 1907, was originally known as the Conservatory of Music. When it burned down on July 31, 1998, it held offices for the department of English, the Career Center and the Office of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning.

Although the faculty and staff affected by the loss are happy with their current housing situation, they miss the camaraderie of the "West Hall Gang."

Dr. Frederick Horn of the English department had an office in West Hall. Although he did not lose many material possessions, he lost a feeling of belonging.

"There was just a strange feeling of walking onto campus and not having a home," Horn said.

Those who lost their offices were grateful for the care and immediate action taken to find them new places to work.

"The outpouring of all the other departments was good," said Career Center Director Jackie Meade. "People from all over the campus were there [for us]. It was very gratifying."

Although the members of the "West Hall Gang" still get together for activities such as Christmas parties, they miss the casual atmosphere and the convenience of yelling down the hall for help with a punctuation problem or reactions to a new idea.

"It isn't so much the loss of community. That is still there. It's the physical aspect," Meade said.

Contributed Photo

West Hall used to stand beside Physical Plant.

Though many of the students do not remember the fire, it has affected today's campus community.

Dr. James Perkins, chair of the English and public relations department, had a severely damaged office in West Hall. "Had the fire at West Hall not happened, the Student Center would have been a reality by now," Perkins said.

The refurbishing of Thompson-Clark-Freeman Hall became very important after the fire. It brought the English department together again. The faculty members of the department were scattered around Old Main, the biology department and the library when the fire took away their home.

The Career Center's placement in Eichenauer has been beneficial, according to Meade, because the employees have been able to make a stronger connection with the hall's residents.

Although students may not remember the fire, they can still learn from the experience of the "West Hall Gang."

"Really be aware of what you have, because it can be gone overnight," Meade said.

Campus center fire caused by spark in tar

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 11, a small amount of smoke was seen coming from the construction site around the new campus center at approximately 5:45 p.m. Campus security and the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department responded to the incident, and the situation was under control in about 30 minutes.

The borough police and fire officials at the scene speculated a spark smoldered on some tar at the site causing the smoke. The officials did not notice any damage, and construction continued at the site the following morning.

The fire will not cause any disruption of the construction schedule. The new campus center is scheduled to open in January of 2003.

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to see what others are doing to try and preserve the Earth for them. There are many aspects to this that we never really recognize," Kennedy said.

Junior Gina Cecchetti agrees. "Earth Day is a great way to celebrate the environment and realize all the things we take for granted. I think it's good the campus is having activities to celebrate."

"I think it's important to take care of the Earth. Where would we be without it?" senior Erin Morgan said.

The Coalition of Christian Athletes sponsors Kolb visit

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

Former Pittsburgh Steelers' offensive lineman Jon Kolb was on campus Monday night to deliver a speech. The Coalition of Christian Athletes sponsored his appearance at the Down Under.

Kolb spoke to a crowd of about 75 people about goals, perspective and priorities, using stories from his life as examples. Kolb also discussed the importance of religion in his life.

"His speech was very valuable," junior Matt Mough said. "He related his experiences with football to life. There was definitely a lot I took out of his presentation."

Junior Molly Householder, who also attended the event, found Kolb's speech valuable as well. "I really enjoyed his talk. He's had a very interesting life, and that comes across in what he says," she said.

During his 13-year career, Kolb helped Pittsburgh win four Super Bowls. He concluded his career as a Steeler in 1981. Kolb then became a member of the team's coaching staff, and was the team's conditioning coach until the 1991 season.

Kolb currently lives in Grove City, Pa., and works at the Sharon Regional Health System. He also as performs duties as the defensive coordinator for the Grove City College football team.

Kolb is the director of the personal fitness center affiliated with the hospital. A physical education major at Oklahoma State, he earned his master's degree in exercise science after retiring from the Steelers. He and his wife Deborah have three sons.

Hymn sing next Friday

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - A hymn sing is planned for Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

College organist Dr. Beth Harrison will lead the "Old Presbyterian Psalms" concert, which includes audience participation and the Chamber Choir directed by Dr. Robin Lind, director of choral activities.

"The choir will be there to assist with a couple of acappela verses and descants, as well as to support the audience," said Harrison. "I will improvise some accompaniments, interludes and introductions in Dutch style that was, and still is, common in the Reformed tradition in the Netherlands. I think I can promise anyone who enjoys music and likes to sing that they will have a good time and experience some really good music."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Harrison at EXT. 7024 or e-mail harrisea@westminster.edu.

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Peace Studies Coffee Houses and a motivational speech by Dennis Brutus, these women began making plans for an informative session about global awareness.

The group of students working on the project has grown in number and in dedication. The students have met every Wednesday for the past several weeks organizing and planning the rally.

The group members said they hope for lasting effects as a result of this event. "I think it would be great if the students want to take a more positive stance and create a definite organization," Mamula said.

The date of the rally is particularly significant because a similar effort will be taking place at the same time on a much larger scale in Washington, D.C. It is called Peace Mobilization, and is dedicated to political change and global justice.

from DANCE page one

dents have been relocated to the Field House, Old 77, the Down Under, Orr Lobby and Ferguson Lobby.

"It is difficult to dance without the use of mirrors, but we have managed. The dancers have shown a lot of enthusiasm and have not let the lack of dancing space and mirrors discourage them," said Angela Steck, president of Dance Theatre.

Sharbaugh leads the organization, and has been involved for the past 18 years. She has also been working in the admissions office for the past three years.

The group of officers who choreographed the opening act work closely with Sharbaugh throughout the year.

The acts include ballet, jazz, tap and modern styles of dance. Acts include music from Mulan Rouge, Michael Jackson, Sandy Patty and Alicia Keyes.

Seniors have the opportunity to do solo work. "I feel this is a great way to recognize our senior's talents and send them off in a special way. For me, this is one of the last times that I will dance, and I want to make it special and memorable," Corwin said.

A performance will be held at 8 p.m. tonight and a final matinee will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door and are $1 for students and faculty, $5 for adults, $3 for children age seven and up, while children six and under are free.

"I would encourage all students to come and see the show because the dancers and choreographers have worked very hard throughout the year preparing for this show and we are so excited to present it. The show is a lot of fun," Steck said.

Photo by Craig Carlin
The Dance Theater spring performance began yesterday.

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REGIONAL

Cincinnati priest defrocked for molestation

CINCINNATI (AP) - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati knew that one of its priests was repeatedly accused of sexual abuse over a 15-year period, but kept him in jobs where he had contact with children, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Sunday.

The newspaper said recent lawsuits against the archdiocese provide more detail about the case of George Cooley, a defrocked Roman Catholic priest who pleaded guilty in 1991 to molesting boys.

The archdiocese was aware of problems with Cooley since 1971, when a fellow seminarian accused Cooley of fondling him, the newspaper said.

Cooley was sent for counseling and he was readmitted to the seminary and ordained. As a priest, he was accused of molesting boys at a summer camp, at a church rectory and on a camping trip, the newspaper said.

The archdiocese responded by moving the priest to new jobs, usually with no warning to his supervisor, his parish or parents whose children would interact with Cooley, the Enquirer said.

In his first media interview, Cooley told the newspaper that he questioned his sexual orientation when he entered the seminary in the 1970s but decided it wouldn't be an issue because of the church's celibacy requirement for priests.

He said he first fondled a boy in the late 1970s at a Catholic camp where he was chaplain. He wouldn't say how many boys he abused between then and the early 1980s.

"I wanted to bring them the good side of God, but after what I did, it gave them a very bad taste of God," said Cooley, 53, now a customer service representative at a local business. "It hurt people to the point where it turned them against God."

"It's not God's fault. It was my fault."

Some of those molested by Cooley believe the archdiocese is at fault for not doing something when it first learned of his abuse.

"What he did angers me," said Guy Guckenberger Jr., who reported being abused in 1978. "But what angers me more is the way the church handles this stuff."

"They know they have a problem and they are trying to protect themselves."

Cooley's history became public after a couple told the archdiocese that he abused two of their boys in the 1980s. Frustrated by the lack of a response, the couple went to the Hamilton County prosecutor's office.

Cooley pleaded guilty to molestation charges in 1991 and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. He was sentenced to another 15 months in 1994 for violating his parole by leaving the county and stalking one of his former victims.

He was arrested again in 1996 for soliciting oral sex and a massage from a 19-year-old police decoy acting as a male prostitute. He was sentenced to 60 days of home incarceration and three years of probation.

Lawsuits have been settled out of court. Terms are confidential.

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk said church officials did what they thought was best at the time.

"The common wisdom ... was to get the offender out of the child's life and tell the child to forget about it," Pilarczyk said. "And that's what we did. That's the way you dealt with those things."

"Was it a mistake? Well, it was a mistake in hindsight. It wasn't the right thing to do. It wasn't the adequate thing to do. Would we do it that way now? Certainly not, because we know more and we have more experience."

Man may be sentenced to life for stolen firearms

CINCINNATI (AP) - A man suspected of mailing fake anthrax letters to abortion clinics nationwide could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted in federal court of firearms and stolen weapons charges.

Clayton Lee Waagner, 45, was given permission to represent himself at his trial, scheduled to begin Monday before U.S. District Judge Susan Dlott.

He is accused of possessing stolen guns and a stolen car when he was captured Dec. 5 in suburban Cincinnati.

Waagner pleaded innocent in March to the six-count indictment charging him with illegally possessing a handgun and a rifle as a fugitive and as a convicted felon; possessing a stolen handgun; and possessing a stolen car. He could get 15 years to life on those charges, plus fines of up to $250,000 on each count.

He was captured about 10 months after escaping from a jail in Illinois while awaiting sentencing on federal charges there. Waagner was sentenced Jan. 25 in Urbana, Ill., to 30 years in prison for interstate transport of a stolen vehicle, illegal possession of a firearm and the Illinois jail escape.

The Cincinnati charges are separate from a government investigation into whether Waagner mailed more than 550 anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics after his escape.

Federal authorities have said that Waagner claimed responsibility for sending the letters to about 280 women's reproductive health clinics in October and November. He has not been charged in that case, but authorities have said he could be taken to Philadelphia for questioning after his Cincinnati trial.

In media interviews, Waagner has said he did not intend violence but wanted to scare clinic operators with the hoaxes.

The government also has charged Waagner with bank robberies in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, a car theft in Mississippi and possession of a pipe bomb in Tennessee.

Three found dead in weekend house fire

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) - Three people found dead in a weekend house fire were murdered and guns were involved in their deaths, state police said.

"We are treating it as a triple homicide," state police Sgt. Charles Depp said.

State police declined to identify the victims until after autopsies were completed. The county coroner said autopsy results would likely be available Tuesday morning.

But authorities said there was no reason to believe they weren't three members of a family - Larry A. Bobish, his wife, Joanna, and their daughter, Crystal, 17.

Their son, identified by police as Larry J. Bobish, 12, escaped the Sunday morning fire through a window and was taken to a Pittsburgh hospital with unspecified injuries, Depp said. Officials at the hospital said early Monday they have been asked to not release information on his condition.

The state police and the Fayette County Coroner's Office declined to comment further Monday afternoon.

Arson investigators were investigating the rubble and state police troopers were investigating whether their deaths were drug related, authorities said.

The fire was discovered about 6:30 a.m. by an off-duty state police officer in North Union Township, about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Regional Briefs

88-year-old bartender recognized by Anheuser-Busch

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Angelo Cammarata has been serving beer since he was first legally allowed to - not when he turned 21, but when Prohibition ended on April 7, 1933.

Cammarata, 88, has now been recognized by Anheuser-Busch for having sold more Budweiser in more decades than anyone in the world.

Fred Berrios, senior market manager for Anheuser-Busch, presented a plaque to Cammarata at his West View bar in front of a standing-room-only crowd of patrons.

It appears the accolades keep coming for Cammarata, who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the Oldest Bartender for his more than 60 consecutive years of serving up drinks.

"I've had a lot fun," Cammarata said. "I heard from them all - Jay Leno, David Letterman. I got phone calls from their agents."

Man charged for sharing prescription painkillers

TIPTON, Pa. (AP) - A 69-year-old man has been charged in his friend's death for allegedly sharing his prescription painkiller with the man, who said he needed the drugs until he could get his own prescription filled.

George Greenaway has been charged with involuntary manslaughter for allegedly giving George Peterman III, 43, four dozen Percocet pills and 10 patches of the painkiller fentanyl on Nov. 22.

Peterman told Greenaway he needed the pills for his back injury, state police said.

A half-hour later, Peterman was unconscious after taking as many as a dozen of the pills and using one of the patches, state police said. He died two days later at a Johnstown hospital.

"I don't know why this man would give him this medicine," Bernice Smith, Peterman's mother, said. "I don't know why he gave him this much."

Greenaway, who is free while awaiting a preliminary hearing, does not have a listed number and could not be reached for comment.

High-speed chase ends in Lebanon

LEBANON, Pa. (AP) - A driver led police on a high-speed chase that began Thursday night on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and ended in Lebanon nearly an hour later, authorities said.

Jonathan Scott Landes, 20, of West Reading, was clocked going 84 mph and refused to stop, police said. The ensuing chase reached speeds of 100 mph, as Landes and police cars headed west on Route 322 through the Ephrata area, police said.

Landes' vehicle hit a car at one point, but the chase continued, police said.

The car eventually stopped in traffic, and Landes and two passengers were captured after a foot chase, police said.

Landes was charged with fleeing and eluding police, reckless endangerment and several traffic violations. Police said he was driving with a suspended license.

Landes was in Lancaster County prison on $3,000 bail. The passengers haven't been charged.

NATIONAL

Child prostitution on rise in San Francisco Bay area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Police say child prostitution is on the rise, and, at least in the San Francisco Bay area, they are starting to look at the children as victims of exploitation, not as criminals.

Some cities, such as San Jose and Oakland have assigned officers to deal with child exploitation and have shifted focus from arresting the child prostitutes to going after their pimps.

Police are also making the children aware of other opportunities, such as Children of the Night, based in Van Nuys. The program gives children shelter, health care, schooling, counseling and job referrals.

Police have worked to gain the trust of some of the girls to help them arrest pimps. In one case, Darryl D. Williams and Kathy A. Bliss of Richmond were arrested, putting an end to their operation in which they would bring about 20 girls from Richmond to San Francisco each night, making as much as $12,000 a day.

Williams was sentenced to 10 years in prison and Bliss received 16 months.

Girls are often afraid of their pimps, who frequently use intimidation and violence to control them. Many girls say they love their pimps.

"It's a very systematic form of brainwashing," Norma Hotaling, executive director of Standing Against Global Exploitation, told the San Francisco Chronicle. The group helps prostitutes leave the streets. "Eventually, they come to believe the pimp is the only one who will protect them."

One of the most comprehensive reports done on child prostitution lists San Francisco, as well as Los Angeles, New York, Las Vegas, Dallas and Atlanta, as places where child prostitution is especially high. The University of Pennsylvania completed the study last year, and notes that the cities are popular destinations for runaways.

While many of the children come from middle-class, white backgrounds, there are some from all walks of life. Most are runaways, and many have been lured by the promise of easy money. Across the nation, there are about as many boys as girls in prostitution, but the boys are less likely to have pimps and less likely to seek help getting off the streets.

Police are also trying to reduce the demand for child prostitutes, and one of the steps includes San Francisco's First Offender Prostitution Program for those arrested for soliciting prostitution. The offenders must sit through a class on the dangers of prostitution. About 4,000 men have passed through San Francisco's program and only 140 have been arrested a second time.

Man sentenced to 43 years for killing parents and keeping bodies

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - A man who killed his parents and lived with their corpses for months has been sentenced to 43 years in prison.

David Sidney Hisey, 53, must serve half that time before he can become eligible for parole, prosecutors said after Friday's sentencing.

Hisey was found guilty of murder Wednesday in the deaths of Hollis Hisey, 91, and Sunnye Hisey, 85, whose bodies were discovered Sept. 1, 2000. Sunnye Hisey had been dead about 10 months, and her husband had been dead about three.

Hisey, an unemployed shrimper, had moved from Florida five years earlier to care for his parents, both of whom suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He had placed their bodies side by side in a bedroom sealed off with tape.

Prosecutors alleged Hisey killed the couple as part of a scheme that involved draining their retirement accounts of more than $500,000.

Defense attorneys argued that while Hisey may have taken money from his parents, the couple died naturally.

Galveston County Chief Medical Examiner Charles Harvey declared the deaths strangulations, while defense expert and Nueces County Chief Medical Examiner Lloyd White said the deaths could have occurred naturally.

Defense attorneys Tucker Graves and Greg Russell said they would appeal the verdict, citing a failed request for a change of venue based on local publicity.

Hisey did not testify.

Wanted: Money snatching bird

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - Charlie, a cockatoo trained to snatch dollar bills from visitors during shows at the Rio Grande Zoo, has bolted from a rehearsal and was last seen somewhere in the Rio Grande bosque.

Charlie, a galah native to Australia, was rehearsing Wednesday for this season's World Animal Encounters at the zoo when it spotted a passing vulture and took off.

Charlie was last seen Thursday evening, flying westward from a tree on the bosque after being spooked again, this time by a crow.

"We think it may have headed across the river," said Bill Aragon, the zoo's bird curator. "There wasn't a lot of bosque left in the direction it was going."

Zoo employees tried Thursday without success to lure the bird back by waving dollar bills at it, he said.

Now they're asking anyone who sees the bird to call the zoo at 764-6200 or Aragon at 764-6250.

The bird was trained by show presenter Tom Smylie to snatch dollar bills from the hands of audience members. Last year, Charlie collected $1,300, which was donated to the Peregrine Fund, which works to help recover the endangered peregrine falcon.

Charlie, the zoo's only galah, might approach someone on its own, Aragon said.

"It's a pretty tame bird, so it's apt to go just about anywhere," he said. "It might be able to survive on its own for a while anyway. It might be able to eat because a lot of trees a putting out flowers now."

Charlie is described as a small cockatoo, slightly larger than a pigeon, with gray feathers on its back and tail, a rose-colored breast and pink-tinged crown.

And despite the name, Charlie is a she.

National Briefs

Teens videotape burglaries

SHELTON, Conn. (AP) - A videotape made by a group of teen-agers in Shelton and Ansonia is getting rave reviews … from police.

The teens taped themselves committing a series of burglaries, and commenting on the crimes, police said.

"On the tape they identify each other by name and talk about what building they are going to rob next," Detective Sgt. Michael Madden said Saturday. "They would be filming themselves driving to each location and saying 'we are going to do our robbin' here.'"

Police obtained the tape from an informant. It solves eight burglaries in Shelton and others in Ansonia, Madden said.

William Stakum, 19, of Shelton was arrested Friday night and charged with burglary, larceny, and criminal mischief in the first degree.

He confessed, Madden said.

"He really didn't have much choice after seeing the film," he said.

More arrests are expected.

Police find 19-year-old's body in river

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) - Police believe they found the body of a 19-year-old college student who crashed his mother's car into the Niagara River two months ago.

Investigators are virtually certain they recovered Travis Hennigar about 3 p.m. Saturday, after tourists spotted the body caught on a log between Goat and Green islands, said Sgt. Brian Nisbet.

It took the Swift Water Rescue Team three hours to recover the body from the treacherous rapids near the Goat Island pedestrian bridge, reported The Buffalo News.

The victim's clothes match those Hennigar, an Erie Community College student, was wearing when he crashed early Feb. 10, said Niagara County Coroner James Joyce.

His passenger, University at Buffalo student Jeffrey Critelli, 18, also of Grand Island, managed to escape the submerged vehicle by kicking out the sunroof and swimming to shore.

Hennigar's presumed drowning, after the two attended a fraternity party, caused the University at Buffalo to suspend its Alpha Sigma Phi chapter.

Final identification of the body will await Monday's autopsy, Joyce said.

3,600 turkeys killed in fire

WAVERLY, Neb. (AP) - A fire killed 3,600 turkeys Saturday night at a farm in northern Lancaster County.

The fire also did at least $60,000 in damage, Waverly Fire Chief Brian Johnson said.

Firefighters were called to the Bill Bevans Turkey Farm for a barn fire about 6:30 p.m. CDT, Johnson said.

"At first we didn't see smoke, and then within a mile we were smoked out," he said.

An employee of the farm started a small fire to burn some wood and grass, but strong winds blew it out of control, destroying a two-story barn and a turkey shed, Johnson said.

Six rural fire departments and a tanker from the Air National Guard station were on the scene for nearly four hours, he said.

There was no damage to the Bevans family's home, which was about 300 feet away.

The employee who started the fire was cited for not having a burn permit.

A permit would not have been issued because of high winds Saturday afternoon and evening, Johnson said.

Fraternity may suspend members for mocking gay men

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - A Michigan State fraternity may expel some of its members after the chapter was temporarily suspended because members wore T-shirts mocking gay men in residence hall cafeterias.

Pi Kappa Phi said it is asking its national headquarters to review its membership. The review could lead to expulsion of individual members, The State News reported.

"They have realized that they have members who don't stand for the ideals of the Greek system," said Interfraternity Council President Paul Hage. The council oversees Michigan State's 29 fraternities.

National Pi Kappa Phi temporarily suspended Michigan State's chapter Wednesday, pending an investigation of hazing and discrimination.

Earlier this month, some men pledging Pi Kappa Phi wore pink, sleeveless T-shirts bearing statements that mocked gay men and lifestyles.

If the national fraternity grants the membership review, each member will be evaluated and those who don't meet the fraternity's standards will be dismissed, Hage said.

Minors fall through the roof while drinking underage

WEST FARGO, N.D. (AP) - Several minors were cited for underage drinking after they fell through the ceiling of the home hosting a party, police say.

The minors were trying to hide in the attic after police responded to a loud noise complaint around 1:15 a.m. Sunday, patrolman Gary Bommersbach said.

"They probably didn't stand on the rafters, just on the Sheetrock," he said.

No one was injured, Bommersbach said.

Seven minors were cited and one juvenile referred for consumption of alcohol. A tenant also was cited for excessive noise.

INTERNATIONAL

Jamaican doctors overwhelmed by 'Drug Mules'

By David Paulin
Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) - Jamaica's war on drugs is being fought daily in the bustling emergency room of its biggest public hospital, where doctors are overwhelmed by ever-increasing numbers of "drug mules."

Most are women in their early 20s who swallow cocaine-filled condoms before boarding international flights, said Evadne Martin-Clarke, the physician in charge of Kingston Public Hospital's emergency room.

"The past week we have got about 75 suspected cases and, of those, one third have been confirmed" to be carrying cocaine, she said in an interview Thursday.

"We already have a lot of trauma (cases) coming in, so it's putting quite a strain on all the departments."

Typically, drug smugglers are caught trying to get on flights to Britain that depart late at night, and they arrive at the emergency room's busiest time, said Dr. Richard Harrison.

"We're low-staffed then and the problems that usually come in at that time of night are usually quite critical. Usually, that's when you look at the accidents and gunshot wounds," he said.

Harrison said 12 suspects arrived during one recent eight-hour shift, and eight during the next.

Britain is an attractive destination for Jamaican smugglers because citizens of this former British colony can travel there without visas.

Harrison said the mules swallow a few condoms, or more than 100.

Since early April, the emergency room has seen a 50 to 75 percent jump in drug mules, who are guarded by police at the hospital, he said.

The increase came soon after National Security Minister Peter Phillips announced a crackdown on drug traffickers, which he blames for Jamaica's soaring crime.

At the same time, police began a more sophisticated type of profiling. "In one day alone, police selected 50 persons ... and 25 of them were positive," said Donovan Nelson, a spokesman for the Ministry of National Security.

This island of 2.6 million is considered one of the major drug transshipment points in the Caribbean, along with Haiti.

Phillips also announced that Jamaican police would be posted in British airports to watch for smugglers.

His initiative came after British officials reportedly suggested requiring visas for Jamaicans in a bid to stem the flow of drugs.

The number of foreign women in British jails has increased 37 percent in the past year, and half of them are Jamaicans, Home Office Minister Beverley Hughes recently told lawmakers in London.

She said Britain is considering deporting some to serve sentences in their home countries - a move that would add further pressure to Jamaica's already overcrowded jails.

At the emergency room in Kingston, the mules are given X-rays, and laxatives when drugs are detected. The smugglers take up limited beds and resources during the several days it can take them to expel the condoms.

"There is resentment because they (doctors and nurses) could be treating somebody who has a genuine medical illness," said Martin-Clarke.

Occasionally, drug mules die when condoms leak. "We have had a few deaths, not very many," said Martin-Clarke.

Nelson said smugglers get paid $1,700 to $4,255 - a lot of money in a country where the average income is $3,700 a year.

Some never get paid, Nelson said: "When they carry drugs to the other end, they are harassed and threatened."

Smugglers tell doctors they need the money to support their children. "The ladies will tell you that they have their children and no money; it's the usual story," Martin-Clarke said. "They don't look like serious criminals."

British backpacker murdered in the Outback

By Steve Holland
Associated Press Writer

BUNDABERG, Australia (AP) - British teen-ager Caroline Anne Stuttle arrived in Bundaberg last Sunday, another stop on her lifelong dream of backpacking around Australia.

Three days later, the 19-year-old student from Yorkshire in northern England was dead. Police say she was robbed and then thrown off a 10-meter-high (32-foot-high) bridge in this town 350 kilometers (220 miles) north of the Queensland state capital, Brisbane.

On Saturday, bouquets of flowers had been left near a yellow spray-painted cross that marks where the backpacker fell.

Later, local residents and some backpackers held a vigil in a park across the road from the bridge. A foldout table with fresh linen and two candles framed a condolence book that visitors were asked to sign.

The vigil occurred as a police spokeswoman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said a man was helping police with their investigation, but that the person was not a suspect.

Stuttle's mobile phone was missing and her hands were still clutching the severed straps of her stolen handbag when police found her body under the bridge late Wednesday.

Stuttle, who planned a career in forensic medicine, was due to start a psychology course at Manchester University when she returned home. She had been traveling for two months with a childhood friend, Sarah Holiday.

A post-mortem examination confirmed Stuttle died from massive head and spinal injuries after she was thrown from the bridge. Police said she was attacked before her death but was not sexually assaulted.

They are searching for her handbag, credit cards, purse and the mobile phone.

Detective Inspector Jeff Oliphant said Stuttle had walked alone to a telephone booth to call her boyfriend in England, and was murdered on her way back to a campground.

A woman has told police she saw a 25- to 30-year-old man with collar-length brown hair following Stuttle as she crossed the bridge. On Friday, police released a computer-generated image of a man they want to interview.

"We all share this shame as a community," Bundaberg Mayor Kay McDuff said.

Local resident Denise McGowan felt the same.

Addressed to "Caroline and her mom and dad," McGowan wrote in the condolence book that "no one in this world has the right to hurt a family like this."

"But please remember that there are people who care, and their hearts and souls go out to you."

Stuttle's death is the latest in a growing list of crime victims from among the thousands of young British visitors who travel through Australia every year on vacations.

Her death comes less than a year after the July 2001 disappearance and suspected murder of British backpacker Peter Falconio, 28, following an ambush on a central Australian highway. Falconio's body has not been found and police have made no arrests.

In June 2000, seven British backpackers were among 15 young travelers who died when the Palace Hostel was set on fire in Childers, just south of Bundaberg. Robert Paul Long, a 38-year-old drifter, is serving a life sentence for the hostel fire.

International Briefs

Canadian courts OK 'artistic' child pornography

OTTAWA (AP) - Huge ads in national newspapers Thursday called on the public to express outrage over a British Columbia court decision allowing the possession of written child pornography if it has artistic merit.

"Who's protecting our children?" blared the ads, part of a national campaign launched by Focus on the Family Canada, a Christian group.

The campaign is supported by a number of Liberal, Conservative and Canadian Alliance MPs.

At a news conference on Parliament Hill, the group said child pornography is tantamount to child abuse and that the federal government must do something to clarify the laws governing that area of criminal law.

"At this moment we live in a nation that places the right of child pornographers above the right of our children to grow up in safety and security," said Dr. Darrel Reid, president of Focus on the Family.

The group was reacting to a ruling delivered last month which acquitted John Robin Sharpe of possession of child pornography because he successfully argued that his written sexual fantasies had artistic merit.

Teen girl bullies boy to death

HALIFAX (AP) - Girls can be as physically nasty as any male, sometimes even more so, says a classmate of a boy who committed suicide apparently because he was being bullied.

Police said Friday a teen-age girl was being investigated for harassing Emmet Fralick, a 14-year-old who shot himself Monday after leaving a suicide note that said he was being picked on.

"At school it makes (girls) seem cooler if they can fight and beat somebody," said a 14-year-old girl, who didn't want to be identified, who was a classmate of the dead boy.

Judy Pal, a spokeswoman for Halifax police, confirmed several newspaper reports that police are investigating a girl who allegedly led other teens in threats against Fralick.

The boy's body was found in his bedroom, next to a gun that Pal said had been registered.

She said police were still conducting interviews. Fralick's suicide note only stated he was distraught and "that he had been bullied," she added.

Afghans search for survivors

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Residents used shovels, picks and their bare hands Saturday to search for survivors in the rubble of an earthquake in northern Afghanistan. Officials said at least 50 people were killed and 200 were injured.

Gen. Haidar, the senior military commander of Baglan province, appealed for aid, especially bulldozers and other heavy equipment to help dig bodies from the rubble and to search for survivors from Friday's quake.

"The dead bodies and the injured are still under collapsed houses, but we have no equipment to dig them out," Haidar said from the region by satellite telephone.

He said much of the area some 100 miles northeast of Kabul had been destroyed. The magnitude-5.8 earthquake on Friday morning followed a more intense tremor on March 25 that killed up to 1,000 people.

Aborigines seek justice in serial killer pig farmer case

PORT COQUITLAM, British Columbia (AP) - Aboriginal people held an emotional native cleansing ceremony Friday at the gates of the pig farm that has become the center of a massive investigation into an accused serial killer.

The ceremony was held to honor the 50 women who have disappeared from Vancouver's tough downtown. About half of them are aboriginal.

The pig farm's owner, Robert Pickton, faces six counts of first-degree murder relating to the case. Earlier this week police confirmed human remains have been found on Pickton's farm.

WEIRD NEWS

Park rangers solve 72-year-old disappearance case

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) – The mysterious 72-year-old disappearance of a couple who vanished while driving a twisting lakeshore road has been solved, a park ranger said Monday.

The Olympic National Park Service confirmed that the 1927 Chevrolet found in Lake Crescent on Saturday was the one driven by Russell and Blanch Warren when they disappeared in 1929.

Park rangers and volunteers conducted many exploratory dives, with help from an underwater search and recovery company. A sonar unit was used to search for clues.

"We're very pleased to have concluded this search and are gratified to be able to solve this mystery for the Warren family," Lake Crescent District Ranger Dan Pontbriand said in a statement.

The Warrens disappeared on July 3, 1929. Russell Warren picked up his wife from the Port Angeles hospital where she had been a patient, loaded a new washing machine in the car and headed west around the Olympic Peninsula, bound for a logging camp on the Bogachiel River near Forks.

They never arrived.

Speculation at the time was that the Warrens had missed a curve on the road, now U.S. 101, and drowned after the car tumbled into Lake Crescent. Only a visor from a Chevrolet and a cap identified as belonging to Russell Warren were found.

The search for the couple was renewed last spring when Port Angeles historian Bob Caso brought clippings and other documents to Pontbriand.

Doggie party raises money for abandoned pups

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. (AP) – Tuxedo, in top hat and tail, was surrounded by pals when Fess and Marcy Parker threw the poodle a party to celebrate his 10th birthday.

Four-legged guests were served meals of "pawticular poochie delights," such as dog-gone good meatballs and collie flower chowder on china plates.

The developer and wine maker best known as television's "Davy Crockett" and "Daniel Boone" toasted Tuxedo and his friends in the garden of Parker's Wine Country Inn and Spa.

"We just thought it would be fun," said Marcy Parker as Tuxedo greeted his two-legged and four-legged guests Sunday.

"Did you see the table decorations? It's little dog bones. I think it's hilarious," said "Daniel Boone" co-star Ed Ames.

"You want to be doggie analyzed?" actress Cheryl Ladd asked her poodle Marley before leading him into a tent where holistic veterinarian Joy Craft provided psychic readings.

During the party, the Parkers also raised money for needy pooches, donating $2,000 to the Santa Barbara Humane Society.

Elephant celebrates 40th birthday

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – It was a most unusual birthday cake – bananas and sweet potatoes between layers of peanut butter-frosted whole wheat bread topped with 40 large carrots and celery sticks standing upright like candles.

But it was a hit with Packy, who was the first elephant born in a western hemisphere zoo in 44 years when he was born April 14, 1962.

There were 6,750 guests at Packy's birthday party Sunday at the Oregon Zoo, including 84-year-old Dr. Matthew Maberry, who was the zoo's head veterinarian when Packy was born. Packy was 3 feet tall at birth and weighed 226 pounds.

Maberry said he remembered the moment Packy fell to a concrete floor, feet first, "red and wrinkly."

"It's like delivering any baby, you like to see them grow and age," Maberry said. "So many don't make it."

There was some fear leading up to the party that Packy would stomp his cake rather than eat it. But when keepers opened the door, Packy walked straight to the cake and began eating, first pulling off the carrots and celery and then delicately dismantling it.

Mayor offers posterior for charity

GOSHEN, Ind. (AP) – The mayor of this northern Indiana city may let a critic who offered money to kick his posterior take her best shot.

Mayor Allan Kauffman plans to turn his critic's offhand comment into a benefit for the Goshen Boys & Girls Club later this month.

The critic told a political volunteer for Kauffman that she would happily pay $100 to kick the mayor's hind quarters, The Goshen News reported Saturday.

Kauffman announced at a Kiwanis meeting on Friday that he would offer himself for the challenge. And the Boys & Girls Club will accept the mayor's generosity, Kevin Deary, club president, said.

Kauffman wrote a letter to his critic inviting her and three mayoral critics to the kicking event. The suggested bidding for one swift kick starts at $100.

But the mayor said he was interested in establishing safety rules, such as limiting the kicker to the use of the side of the foot.

Pilgrim 'to protect and serve'

HELENA, Mont. (AP) – Paul Pilgrim wanted a campaign gimmick to help people remember his name when they go to the polls to vote for Beaverhead County sheriff.

So he decided to hand voters a key chain attached to a small white plastic box, lettered with the message: "Vote Pilgrim Sheriff – to protect and serve."

That's a pun since inside the box is a condom.

Pilgrim, who runs a dry-cleaning store in the southwestern city of Dillon, said he settled on the novelty item as a campaign tool in order to stand out among the three Republican candidates for sheriff.

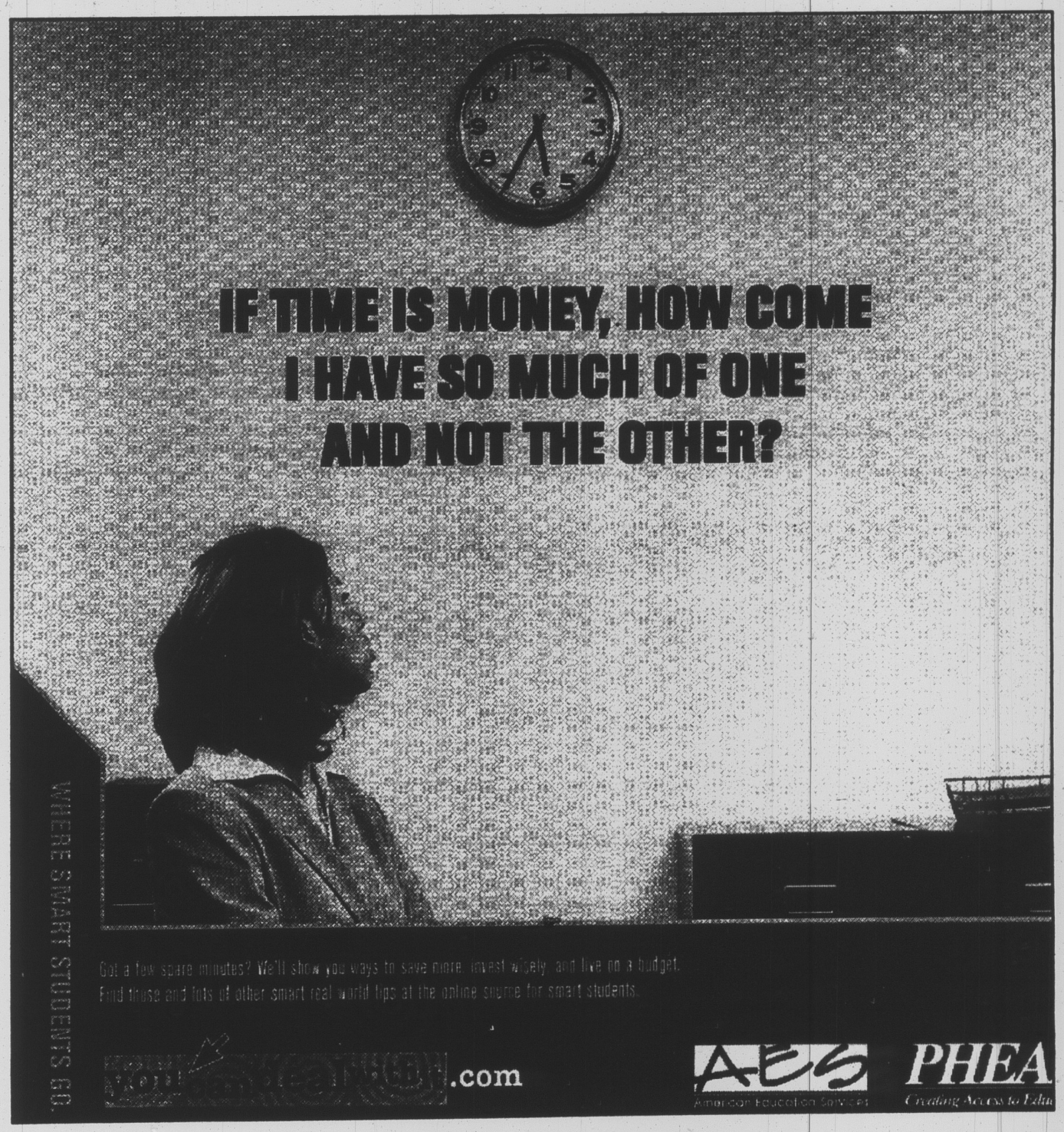
"Everybody hands out combs, fingernail files and pencils," he said. "I asked if there's anything people would be more likely to remember."

So he bought 250 of the key chain-condom combinations and began distributing them to voters, who he said have accepted the unusual appeal for votes with good humor. In fact, they have become more popular than some of his other campaign items.

"I gave a lady a pen today and she said, 'Pen, schmen. Where's my key chain?'" he recalled.

One of his opponents in the June 4 GOP primary, Bill Briggs, said he has known Pilgrim all his life and his unique campaign tactic is not surprising.

"He's definitely his own individual," Briggs said last week.



SPORTS

Titan softball on 3-game winning streak

By Bobby Fisher
Senior Staff Writer

The Lady Titan softball team can now bask in the glow of a three-game winning streak after two extra-inning wins against PAC rival Waynesburg College at home on Wednesday. The two wins improved the Lady Titans' record to 14-10 overall and 6-2 against PAC teams.

Westminster took the upper hand early in the first game with a score of 2-1 after the first inning. The Yellow Jackets tied the game at two in the third inning.

Neither team was able to score again until the game hit extra innings. Senior outfielder Katie Horgan made it home on a sacrifice fly off the bat of junior catcher Emily Henry in the bottom of the ninth. The Lady Titans held on to win by a score of 3-2. Horgan batted 2 for 5 in the contest, and Henry racked up all 3 RBI.

The other Titan hero was junior pitcher Darcy Sutton. She allowed just two runs on three hits with no walks and eight strikeouts. Her record improved to 13-9 with the win.

The teams battled back and forth in the second game until the teams stayed tied at three in the sixth inning. In the eighth, the Lady Titans captured two runs off of four hits to complete the win 5-3. Sutton improved her pitching record to 14-9 with the win. On the offense, Sutton and junior Amy Putas each went 2-3 on the plate. Junior Laura Raible had a pair of runs as well.

Photo by Kristin Park

The Lady Titan softball team plans its next move.

Track teams travel to Mount Union

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

The track and field teams traveled to Alliance, Ohio last weekend for the Mount Union College Invitational. Though no team score was kept, solid efforts were made by both squads.

For the women, freshman hurdler Katie McKissick was the lone winner, taking the 400 intermediate hurdles in 1:10.3.

Also coming up with top three finishes for the Titans, senior Ashley Pyle took third in the 100 and 200 meter dashes in times of :13.34 and :26.86, respectively.

Also finishing within scoring range for the ladies, junior jumper Briana Palko tied for fifth in the high jump at 4'10."

On the men's side, junior Andy Pazul took the only win with a high jump of 6'0."

Senior distance ace, Jacob Gleason placed second in both the 3000 meter steeplechase (9:47.0) and the 5000 meter run (15:41.7), while sophomore Sean Gallagher knocked nearly a full minute from his previous personal best 5000, running 15:55 for sixth place.

"The way things are going, I can tell these next few races are going to be so fast, they hurt. I think I can make the national qualifier in the 10,000, I just hope one of my teammates can push me next week at the Rock," Gallagher said.

Sophomore sprinter Matt Steve picked-up a pair of thirds in the 100 and 200 dashes, running times of :11.24 and :22.61.

In the field, sophomore thrower Jim Chaney took fourth in the discus (151'6"), while sophomore leaper Trevor Frazier took sixth in the long jump (19'2 ¾") and seventh in the triple jump with a bound of 39'0."

Both teams return to action this weekend at the Slippery Rock Invitational in Slippery Rock, Pa. Field events are set to commence at 11 a.m., with running events beginning at noon.

Titan baseball racks up two wins

By Bobby Fisher
Senior Staff Writer

The Titan baseball team racked up two wins against the LaRoche Redhawks Tuesday. The wins improved the Titan record to 15-6.

The lead went back and forth in the first game until Westminster was able to get the upper hand and come through 4-3.

Sophomore pitcher Pat Boyle fired his fifth complete game of the season. Boyle had 10 strikeouts and just one walk in the contest.

The Titan offense was just as effective. Junior first baseman Matt Pournaras went 2 for 3 on the plate with a double, three RBI and a home run. Junior third baseman Kevin Humberston also went 2 for 3, and designated hitter Kevin Culp went 3-4, with a double and two singles.

The Titans dominated in the nightcap by chalking up six unanswered runs off of a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning. Culp took the mound for the Titans in this game, firing only one run on seven hits and striking out one batter. Freshman Brian Hilbert took the mound late in the game, chalking up a strikeout and giving up a hit as well.

Pournaras led the Titan offense by going 2-3 at the plate again, and junior B.G. Davison went 3-4 with a double, two singles and one RBI.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Sports Editor

Baseball season is back in full swing and the local favorites, the Cleveland Indians and the Pittsburgh Pirates, have both begun on a positive note. After the 2001 season, the Indians have a division title to defend; while the Pirates have no place to go but up. The following is an analysis of the 2001 season and the 2002 outlook.

The Indians responded well to a disappointing first half of the previous season and pulled away from the Twins after the all-star break to win the Central Division. Juan Gonzalez, Marty Cordova, Jim Thome and Roberto Alomar each had strong seasons, while rookie pitcher C.C. Sabathia won 17 games and Bartolo Colon added a solid effort.

Unfortunately, Cleveland lost the first round of the playoffs to the Mariners. Kenny Lofton, Travis Fryman, Chuck Finley, Dave Burba, Charles Nagy and Jaret Wright were not effective during the playoffs. The John Rocker trade didn't work out in many ways. He was not a good closer and he alienated his teammates.

In 2002, the Indians need to replace all of the offense that they lost in the winter. Losing Alomar, Lofton, Cordova and Gonzalez cuts out the heart of the offense. Brady Anderson will be expected to perform in the outfield, even though he is 38 years old and was horrible in Baltimore last year. Colon and Sabathia need to contribute most of the pitching wins, but the rest of the rotation must execute as well. Milton Bradley should come around soon and the hitting staff is focusing on helping Russell Branyan make better contact.

Age will be a huge factor for the Indians. Finley, Vizquel, Thome, Fryman and Matt Lawton reached their peak years ago. Fortunately, the Indians have started the season at 11-1 and have won 10 straight. Both starting pitching and offense are superb. If the Indians continue on this track, they may silence the critics who say the White Sox and the Twins will dethrone them in the Central Division.

The Pirates are trying to rebound from a horrible season. They finished as a team with a 5.05 ERA and lost 100 games. Derek Bell and Terry Mulholland were wastes of money; Brian Giles and Craig Wilson were worthless; Jason Kendall had an unexpected poor season, and once-promising Warren Morris and Chad Hermansen continued their downward spiral.

As stated earlier, the pitching isn't even worth mentioning. On a good note, the new PNC Park was well-received and the team drew 2.5 million fans. Aramis Ramirez was the bright point in the rotation and should be an All-Star.

Key issues for 2002 involve both pitching and offense. If Kris Benson comes back and looks like he did in 2000 after his elbow injury, he will be a crucial starter for the Pirates. Kip Wells is usually better out of the bullpen, but the Pirates are hoping to use him in the top of the rotation.

Dave Williams, Tony McKnight and Branson Arroyo showed some hints of promise last season. Kendall needs to take his place behind the plate and Wilson should play at first base or outfield. Kendall will play better. He is only 27 and was once a top 20 player in baseball. Kevin Young, Bell and Morris shouldn't be as bad as their 2001 numbers show, either. Pat Meares is just a lost cause.

The Pirates have already started well, with a 7-5 winning record, but they are batting a NL low .224. Their offense needs to pick up the pace for their season to bounce back from a disappointing 2001.

This Week in Sports

Friday, 4/19/02
SB at Washington & Jefferson* - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 4/20/02
MGF at Allegheny Invitational - 10 a.m.
TF at Slippery Rock Invitational - 11 a.m.
BB VS. BETHANY (2)* - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 4/21/02
MGF at Allegheny Invitational - noon
BB at Bethany* - 1 p.m.

Monday, 4/22/02
MGF at Grove City Invitational - 1 p.m.
SB VS. GENEVA - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/23/02
MT VS. HIRAM - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4/24/02
M/WGF at PAC Championships - 8 a.m.
BB VS. MEDAILLE (2) - 1 p.m.
SB at Ashland - 4 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

Men's tennis team improves to 9-4 overall

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

The tennis team improved to 9-4 overall and 6-1 in the PAC last week during a 9-0 sweep of visiting Bethany College. With the win, the Titans continued an 8-1 run over their last nine outings.

Leading the way for the Titans with double wins were senior Chuck Correll and sophomore John Libert, who won #1 and #5 doubles respectively and teamed-up for a win in the #1 doubles. A freshman pairing of Mark Gross and Corey Sacca took the #2 doubles, while scoring single victories in the #3 and #4 singles, respectively.

The team returns to action today at home, when they host conference rival Grove City College. The team's only defeat of the last nine matches came at the hands of Grove City when they met earlier this month.

Sports briefs

Steelers discuss new contracts

PITTSBURGH (AP) – The Pittsburgh Steelers are discussing new contracts with All-Pro guard Alan Faneca and restricted free agents Joey Porter, Amos Zereoue and Aaron Smith, who didn't receive any offers by Monday afternoon's deadline.

Porter, an outside linebacker, and Smith, a defensive end, were starters on the Steelers' top-ranked defense last season. Zereoue teamed with Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala to fill in when star running back Jerome Bettis missed most of the second half of the season with a groin injury.

The Steelers earlier gave Porter, Smith and Zereoue one-year contract offers of $1.227 million each that would have cost any team that signed them a first-round draft pick.

Tight end Jerame Tuman, also a restricted free agent, signed his one-year offer of $563,000 last week and is no longer a free agent,

Faneca, Porter, Smith, Zereoue, tackle Wayne Gandy and strong safety Lee Flowers can become free agents next year, but director of football operations Kevin Colbert said Monday he is hopeful of signing most, if not all, of them.

"We don't know how quickly or how long it will take," Colbert said. "Hopefully, we'll have something done before the start of the season."

Steelers prove that NFL success is all in the draft

PITTSBURGH (AP) – Any NFL personnel director who doubts the impact one draft class can make should look to the Pittsburgh Steelers of a year ago.

Coming off a 9-7 season that left them with middle-of-the-pack draft picks, the Steelers had unfilled positions and unsigned players all over their defense – gaps that would have cost them millions of dollars to fill on the open market.

But, after some careful scouting and a shrewd trade by director of football operations Kevin Colbert, they traded down on the first round and still got the player they wanted (nose tackle Casey Hampton). Then, they traded up on the second round for a player they didn't think would fall to them if they stayed put (linebacker Kendrell Bell).

After that, the money they saved by not having to sign a veteran linebacker helped them sign cornerbacks Chad Scott and Dewayne Washington to new contracts.

The result? Bell was the NFL's defensive rookie of the year, and Hampton could have easily won the award. Suddenly, a good defense became the NFL's top-rated defense and a team that sat out the playoffs for three straight years returned to the AFC championship game for the fourth time in eight seasons.

"It's good to be picking late in the day again," coach Bill Cowher said.

Florida guard Brett Nelson will return for senior season

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) – Florida guard Brett Nelson says he is returning for his senior season after published reports indicated he had decided to apply for the NBA draft.

"I want to graduate from college, win championships and improve my game," Nelson said Monday.

Nelson left Gainesville for his hometown of St. Albans, W.Va., last Wednesday to discuss his options with his family before returning Sunday. His father, Jim, said his son never decided to head to the NBA and that any story saying he had was wrong.

Jim Nelson said he told reporters his son had made a decision, but wanted to tell coach Billy Donovan his plans before announcing them.

"I never said what the decision was," Jim Nelson said.

After finishing runner-up as a sophomore to Kentucky's Tayshaun Prince for Southeastern Conference Player of the Year honors, Nelson struggled as a junior.

Marshall signs three basketball recruits

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) – Marshall University signed three women's basketball recruits Tuesday.

Signing national letters of intent were Felicia Pitts, Amy Smith and Nadia Swanigan.

Pitts is a 6-foot guard and forward from Casa Grande, Ariz., who is transferring from Central Arizona Community College. She was an All-Region selection this year and was a member of the All-Arizona Community College Athletic Conference first team. She averaged 11.3 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 2.7 steals per game this past season for Central Arizona.

Smith, a 5-foot-8 guard from Ramstein, Germany, played this past season for Tallahassee Community College in Florida, where she averaged seven points and 5.8 rebounds.

Swanigan is 6-foot-2 forward and center from Sylacagua, Ala., who most recently attended Southern Union Community College in Alabama. She led the team to its first appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament this year. She averaged 10.2 points and 7.8 rebounds in two seasons at Southern Union.

"These three girls bring us some seasoned leadership for next year's team," said Marshall women's basketball coach Royce Chadwick. "They've played 60-plus basketball games with winning programs, and we feel that they will add a winning attitude to our program."

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Why are food service people allowed to park in our spots, but when we take one of theirs, we get a ticket? Not fair."

"Why do people take other people's laundry out of the dryer/washer before it's done?"

"Why is the gym open more for people who don't go to school here than it is for people who do? Why don't we host more volleyball tournies?"

"Why doesn't anyone wear side ponytails anymore? They're so hot."

"When does this semester end?"

"I love how the smoke from the TUB brought the campus together."

"WC never helps out its students -- everything is an uphill climb."

"I love muscles."

"I hate bow-tie noodles."

"How does 'What's your favorite animal?' apply to Fresh Start applications?"

"The portrait of the man in the dining hall is staring at me."

"What's up with girls stealing boyfriends? That's real cool."

"Warm weather makes me wanna frolic."

"I love my roommate. She always puts up with me."

"How hard is it to remove the lint from the dryer? I would rather touch my own lint than somebody else's. Try being considerate."

"Maybe we should tear up the Quad again so the cute landscaping guy will come back."

"I loathe Greek Week."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the Westminster community. The Holcad does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Making a difference

This weekend, organizations across campus are going to be busy working toward one common goal: making a difference.

When we were little, people would fill our head with the idea that, "one person can make a difference." We didn't necessarily believe it then, but we can all believe it now.

You can't possibly see the activities this weekend and think that one person has no voice.

Relay for Life was started by one person in 1985, who wanted to raise money for the American Cancer Society. He did a 24 hour walk/run around a track and raised $27,000. The next year more people joined him.

Now Relay for Life is an event hosted all over the country, touching lives from the east to the west coast and even coming to a small town like ours.

Relay for Life is not the only activity on campus making a difference. Anyone involved in a social fraternity knows they can make a difference through their philanthropies. It is often the support of an organization that gives individuals the courage to take the risk and try something new.

Today a peace rally will be held on campus. This was probably the brain child of a small group. This group then told others and together they formed the idea to host the event. While this peace rally will probably not make the evening news or cause congress to agree to stop the war on terror, it might just make a difference in people's lives on campus or in the town. It might change the beliefs of one or more people. It might just help us believe that every student on this campus has a voice that deserves to be heard.

In order to make a difference in the world, we must believe we can.

Saturday, the campus also celebrates Earth Day. We have been taught the lesson of recycling over and over. Each person who recycles is helping the planet to survive at least one minute longer.

In order to make a difference in the world, we must believe we can. College life has shown us that time and time again. Once we leave this institution, we will hopefully take the lessons we've learned here and put them to work in the rest of the world.

Someday, our children are going to approach us and say they want to save the rain forests or start a program to help feed the homeless. Though these might seem like great tasks for children to undertake, we will respond to them as our parents did to us, "What do you want to do? You know, one person *can* make a difference." Then, when they look at us and ask us how we know, we can respond, "I've seen it happen."

One person can make a difference. Find your cause. Support it. If you don't have one of your own, support someone else's.

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Corrections

Tuition to rise 6.9% next year

Last week's *Holcad* incorrectly stated that the tuition will rise 12% next year. The correct figure should have been 6.9%. The tuition will increase from $16,920 to $18,100, an $1,180 increase.

Twelfth Night not a musical

Last week's *Holcad* incorrectly stated that *Twelfth Night* was a musical. The play will show at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Attention faculty and staff:

Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus?

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Americans enter an era of rudeness and hostility

By Amber Koehn
Kansas State Collegian (Kansas State U.)

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. — I like to smile and wave at people as they pass by. If someone is behind me as I'm entering a building, I'll hold the door open for him.

I say "please," "thank you," "excuse me" and "bless you" religiously.

It is actions such as these that warrant kindness in return. However, something tells me a large portion of society isn't up to the challenge.

In a January study conducted in New York by the nonprofit research group Public Agenda, 79 percent of the 2,013 adults surveyed by telephone said the amount of disrespect and bad manners in America is a serious problem.

Follow-up surveys with focus groups in Cleveland; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; St. Louis; Frisco, Texas; Danbury, Conn.; Fort Lee, N.J.; and Berkeley, Calif., produced similar results.

Americans walk around with their noses in the air and their ears planted on their cell phones. Cursing is more abundant than ever, children have no respect for the world around them and road rage is forcing half the nation into therapy. According to the study, six in 10 drivers said they regularly see other people driving recklessly or aggressively.

So, what else do people have to say about the foulness of our society?

Eighty-eight percent of respondents said that they often come across people who are rude or disrespectful. Sixty-two percent said that when they see rude and disrespectful behavior in public, it bothers them a lot, but 41 percent said that they themselves have behaved this way in the past.

Respondents noted the increase in poor customer service at public restaurants. They also noted the annoyance of people being loud and obnoxious on cell phones.

However, at least some people are admitting their uncouth actions. More than a third surveyed said they use foul language in public and have occasionally driven recklessly.

The growing desire for speed finally is taking its toll on the public.

But that's not the only cause for our behavior.

This new breed of Americans is more inconsiderate, confrontational, self-involved and angry than any other generation.

What are they angry at, the fact that some people have learned the value of patience, and they haven't?

Patience is a virtue, but it's obviously one that people have chosen to ignore.

It's a form of kindness lost among the rings of cell phones, honks of car horns and plethora of curse words.

We all have our pet peeves in life. People who smoke around their children or blare loud music in their cars so that everything in my house rattles when they drive by top my list.

But those pet peeves don't give me the right to exert rude behavior, especially when the people I'm upset with have just as much right to smoke their cancer sticks or increase their chances of becoming deaf as I have to complain about them.

I'm not making excuses for people's bad habits. I'm just trying to understand where they come from. I don't think I can. I've racked my brain a thousand and one times trying to understand why people act the way they do, but all I get in return are migraines.

Rudeness is getting worse in our country at a time when people should be more courteous of one another. It seems I can't go anywhere without encountering a case of dreadful etiquette.

What kind of example are we setting for the youth of America? Before we know it, things will be so out of control we won't be able to turn back.

We need to get back to the more patient, kind society we once were.

When we feel like expressing boorish actions, we need to take a step back, breathe deep and smile.

Trust me, kindness goes a long way.

Perhaps even further than we'll ever know.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Changing Lanes

Frailty

Tyler Domske

The leaves have begun to grow back on the trees, daylight's curfew has moved back a few hours, birds are singing, and people you never knew but were in your class start magically showing up again.

Ah yes, finals are just around the corner, friends, not just for academic achievers, but for strikingly handsome and debonair movie reviewers as well.

Alas, there will be but two more Holcads of the season after the one you grip tightly in your hands at this very moment. Who knows what next year could bring? Maybe a tree shortage in Canada will cause them to conserve paper, maybe a news shortage in the Middle East will cause them to conserve news. At the very least, there will be a Tyler and Brad shortage here next year, and only three more slow dances remain, so let's start shakin'.

This week's $5 investment was the new Ben Affleck/Samuel L. Jackson flick, *Changing Lanes*. Now before I start dropping science, let me get word in about Affleck. Affleck is arguably one of the better actors of his generation, any doubters should be directed to his final scene in *Good Will Hunting*. If nothing else, he gets points just for hanging around with Matty Damon.

This being said however, try to think of the last good movie, aside from the aforementioned *Hunting*, that Affleck was in. *Dogma?* Okay, that was a great movie, but try to think of a non-Kevin Smith movie. What's that? Oh yeah, nothing. His craptacular track record boasts *Forces of Nature, Reindeer Games, Bounce*, and the only disaster that can overshadow Pearl Harbor: *Pearl Harbor.*

It seems the mighty Affleck doesn't know how to say no. Despite all these debacles, Affleck has emerged each time as a phoenix from the flames, stronger than ever. He can't pull this magic act forever though. Sooner or later he's going to have to start making some good movies. Did *Changing Lanes* change Affleck's road to Freddie Prinze-dom?

Short answer no, long answer maybe, with a but.

Changing Lanes seems from the commercial to be the worst movie ever made, but that is far from true. This amazingly fantastic premise (note: it's not as easy as one would think to convey sarcasm through print) follows a young, successful, yet dirty lawyer (Affleck) and a recovering alcoholic trying to get his life on track (Samuel L.) through an altogether unnecessary game of cat and mouse after a car accident between the two causes Doyle (Samuel L.) to miss his divorce hearing, and Gavin (Affleck) to misplace an important file folder at the scene of the accident.

Gavin leaves Doyle at the scene, rushing off to court and chorusing "Better luck next time!" as his Beamer jaunts away. Doyle finds the file Gavin needs and the movie proceeds. Affleck wants his file folder back and Samuel L. wants his "time back," and many movie-goers with an interest in intelligent plots want their money back.

Despite all the numbskullery going on in the movie's premise, it is pleasantly surprising in several scenes. I did end up finding myself intrigued by some of the drama between Affleck and Samuel L. It was well-paced at times, and hard not to get caught up in.

The bit of Samuel L.'s character that centers on his recovering alcoholism is very well done and quite moving. These moving scenes are coupled, however, with scenes of an irritated Samuel L. pummeling two hecklers with a phone receiver. It's like the movie all of a sudden becomes *Falling Down* for a minute or two. The movie goes on like this, laying fabulously moving scenes right next to absolutely ridiculous ones, which causes me to think of a two pack DVD sale of *Silence of the Lambs* and *Hannibal.*

In the end, the movie is enjoyable at times, but tainted by poor scenes that seem out of character with the rest of the movie. Having nobody to like in the movie hurts it a great deal.

Not to mention the double meaning in the hokey title is akin to that found in a seventh grade love letter. Affleck will emerge unscathed again, however, and let's hope *The Sum of All Fears* is better (though it's guaranteed to be, Morgan Freeman's in it). And not that he needs it to maintain his coolness after this lane changer, but Samuel L. leads a clone attack somewhere around May 16th.)

Grade: C-, Everyone here can make a better movie in their sleep, as I nearly did halfway through the movie.

Worth: This one is a Dollar theater or a rental. Some great scenes make it worth seeing, but definitely not worth more than a new file folder.

Brad Dell

Frailty thy name is McCona-hotty … I mean McConaughey … Matthew, that is, of *A Time to Kill* and *Contact* fame (now you remember the hotty part, I'm sure). His sultry southern drawl is back again for what I'll call the biggest thrill since Sodexo Marriott switched to Pepsi products.

Frailty has more suspense than class registration, more psychological drama than sorority pick up day, and just enough gore to make your stomach feel like it's just eaten a bacon bagel Easy Riser. It's a regular hyper-extension of our every day Westminster existence. Though I hope our daily lives here steer clear of deadly visions from God and things like that.

Spaceship survivor (*Apollo 13*) and tornado man (*Twister*) Bill Paxton makes his directorial debut with this whopper of doom, death and destruction about a serial killer who calls himself the "God's Hands murderer." Fenton Meiks (McConaughey) walks into F.B.I. headquarters in Dallas, Texas to inform Agent Wesley Doyle (Powers Booth) of the identity of the wanted criminal. What follows is a series of startling flashbacks that reveal the childhood of Fenton and his brother Adam.

With their mechanic father (Paxton, Hollywood's newest Renaissance man), Fenton and Adam enjoy a peaceful childhood. But then Dad is visited by an angel who tells him that he and his sons have been called by God to be demon slayers. (Now, don't scoff yet … the syrup gets much thicker and not quite so sweet.) When he learns that demons are people, young Fenton resists the call. But Dad is as faithful as a nun on Good Friday.

The slaying begins, and the story jolts, winds and screams like an infant on a solo kayak ride. I can't tell you any more of the story because you need to experience it for yourself. (I caution you to wear comfortable clothes, and finish your popcorn early. You'll be slouching beneath the seat in front of you and digging your nails into your date's forearm for most of the film.)

Paxton's directing gets major hooha from me for the opening credits alone. He spliced together a melting montage of police shots and news clipping of murder and mayhem, underscored seethingly by sinister music that sets the truly thrill-yearning mood.

Beyond these opening moments, Paxton maintains impressively commanding control of Brent Hanley's inventively original, but delicate script.

As "God's mission" became clearer, I kept wanting to collapse my suspension of disbelief. But every time I lit the TNT, Paxton blew out the match with powerful direction or the extremely sincere and passionate portrayal of Daddy Meiks.

The film either soars or falls on whether we believe in this character. Paxton had me as high as a kite … (imagine that amount of cinematic helium.)

Paxton is flanked on all sides by stellar supporting work. Of course by the mysterious McConaughey and the simply creepy Booth. But once again it's the kids, Matthew O'Leary (young Fenton) and Jeremy Sumpter (young Adam), who steal the show. These pre-pimpled tots give more than their baseball gloves and lunch money to these performances. A million out of work actors roam this country, and I'll tell you why … all the Stanislavsky training in the world can't compare to the cinematic magic created by these two completely natural performers. We should all kill to be so giving of ourselves … well, not really.

Rookie scribe Hanley has been notched into my headboard of people I need to keep track of. His concept is fresh and Paxton's newbie hands mold it precisely.

I have but one complaint. I truly don't understand the title. This is a homerun film with a clean-up cast, and a Cy Young script. But the title is way out in left field.

For that, I can't give it a perfect score. Instead, I give it three. Three what? Three of these: 1 lead pipe, 1 pair of gloves, and 1 OTIS. Go see this movie, and God's Hands will tell you what that means. Ponder hard, my thrill-seeking friends.

Massage as a solution for the stressed student

By Beth Staley
A&E Editor

I went somewhere on Monday ... and I had to take my shirt off. No, I didn't go on a wild and crazy Spring Break trip; get your mind out of the gutter. I went to "Healing Hands Spa" on Wilmington Road for a half-hour massage.

I didn't know what to expect from a massage, but I thought the experience would be a good one to share with my readers. The room where I got my massage was dimly lit and relaxing mood music mixed with thunderstorm sounds played. The ambience was peaceful.

I was asked to take off my shirt and shoes and wait under a cover for my massage therapist. Having a massage therapist makes me feel very cool. Perhaps it's as cool as having a chauffeur, except instead of singing, "Baby, you can drive my car," I get to sing, "Baby, you can rub my back."

I decided not to sing to my massage therapist; I didn't want to scare him away, especially after paying $30. Nonetheless, the money was worth it. I am still amazed at how a half-hour massage can change one's outlook on life.

I felt rejuvenated, relaxed and happy. I still feel that way. I found a sense of peace that surpasses any other method of relaxation including yoga and aromatherapy. For those of you who are still unmotivated after the tips in last week's article, I suggest a massage.

Scott, my massage therapist, explained why massage is such an effective experience for people. Everyone builds up knots throughout their bodies that cannot be soothed. It is good to ask a friend for a massage, but it is ideal to have a massage therapist because only a massage therapist will know how to smooth out the knots while chasing out the toxins that linger in the muscles.

These toxins leave the muscles because massage gets the blood flowing in a way that only exercise can match. Exercise won't, however, get rid of the knots the way massage will.

On the day of a massage, one should drink as much water as possible in order to drive the toxins from the body. Otherwise, the toxins may simply reenter the muscles after the massage.

For next time, Scott recommended the full-body massage, which takes an hour and costs $60. He explained that it is much more beneficial and relaxing to the body. Most of Scott's patients get massages twice a month. He believes that massages really improve one's overall health.

Like fireworks, finger-traps, and fortune cookies the art of massage has come to us from Chinese culture. It has, however, been very "Westernized"-sort of like TV dinners with fried rice.

Take this massage business seriously. Think of how much money you spend getting your hair done, going tanning, eating junk food, renting movies you've already seen, and buying college beverages; spend that money on a massage instead. You will not regret it.

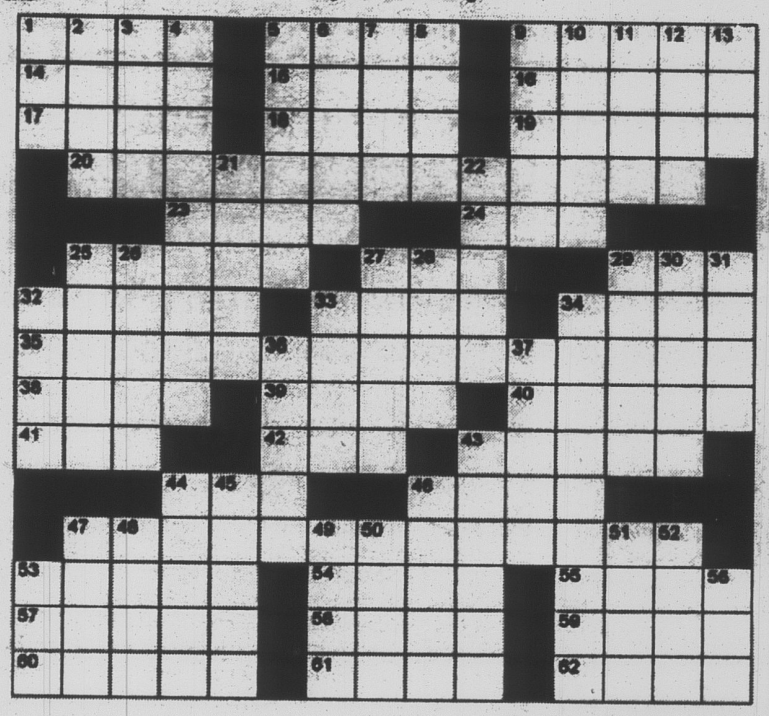
I highly recommend "Healing Hands Spa" located at 903 Wilmington Road in New Castle. For more information on massages and the other spa therapies offered at "Healing Hands Spa" call 724-654-9120. Request Scott as your massage therapist. He is a very knowledgeable and qualified massage therapist. He even spent a little extra time massaging the arm that I broke roller-blading last semester.

Don't wait for the stress of finals or an Ice Capades injury to see a massage therapist. Go now. I guarantee that you'll feel 10 times more relaxed-and cool.

Crossword 101

A Walk in The Woods

By Ed Canty



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35 Disney bird
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53 Singer Lena
54 Field hockey's cousin
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58 Fifty-fifty
59 Actor's quest
60 Norwegian toast
61 Fishermen's traps
62 Sharp bark

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4 Preserve
5 Subway needs
6 Separate
7 International org.
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9 Frown
10 Mixture of metals
11 Alter
12 Power system
13 Supplement with effort
21 Tough guy
22 Prohibit:Legal term
25 Dog
26 Repent
27 Slipknot
28 Change by reversal
29 Inquirer
30 Facial expressions
31 Cutting remark
32 Clement Moore lead in
33 Cloak-and-dagger man
34 Partner in crime
36 Soak the lawn
37 Tripod
43 Brotherhoods
44 ____ Shalala:Clinton cabine member
45 Utopian
46 Young bird of prey
47 Writer's output
48 Nabisco offering
49 Kind of tournament
50 Made cloth
51 Slender woodwind
52 Girl's nickname
53 Possesses
56 Okay

Quotable Quote

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

• • • *Henry Van Dyke*

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers:

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Your strength and courage will be required this week to meet a personal challenge ... this seems to be an inner struggle of self worth. You may become privy to information concerning a financial matter; don't take any advice lightly.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You have a lot going for you this week, so try to use that positive energy wisely. Keep your goals in mind, and be willing to wait for just the right time. Your self-confidence is renewed and those around you will no doubt benefit. Find approval and love from within.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
It may be time to make a change in a relationship that is eating up your time and energy-it just may not be worth the effort. If you are overloaded at work, let a supervisor know that you need help. Sincere feelings will be expressed, so take them to heart.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Stand up for yourself and don't let anyone, friend or family, get away with what is rightfully yours. If you are in the market for Mr. or Mrs. Right, they may be right in front of your eyes. Don't be manipulated by guilt into doing something undesirable.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Hard work and more hard work will give you an enormous sense of satisfaction this week. Time seems to fly because you are so wrapped up in a current project. This will lay a foundation on which success will be built. You will attract positive attention.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A fresh start this week may be just what you need. Your financial situation seems to be improving steadily, though maybe not as quickly as you would like. This new beginning may be marred by your inclination to go for glitter instead of substance and quality.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Don't put all your eggs into one basket this week, especially regarding relationships. Relying to heavily on others will only hurt and disappoint you. Motivation will take hold of you and with a little blood flowing, your enthusiasm will affect all those around you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The blues may be trying to follow you throughout the week. An abundance of love and affection surround you, so there is no reason to stay withdrawn. Do not jump to conclusions about a co-worker, things aren't always what they seem.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
It may be time to make that long overdue commitment to a primary relationship. If you are having second thoughts, it is no doubt time to talk about whether or not it's worth investing more time and energy into.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
You seem to be easily influenced during the week, which is very uncharacteristic for you. Could it be some sweet face has you under its spell? Try to keep your temper in check when someone in the workplace tries to push your buttons. Not everyone meets your high moral code.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Communications will be very important during the week. Your significant other may be feeling left out and needs the reassurance that he or she craves. Children may need guidance concerning educational matters, and friends need support regarding a life decision.

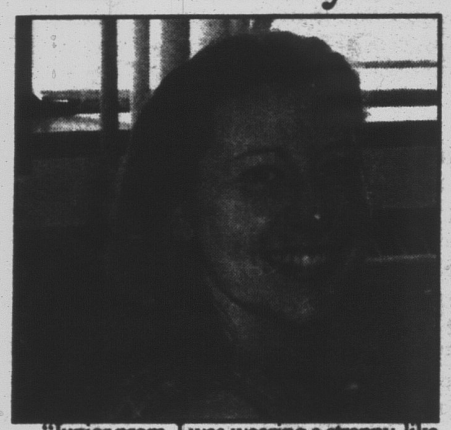
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Protect your feelings during the week by keeping them to yourself. If you do something nice for someone else, don't expect to be thanked. Take people for who they are, not who you want them to be.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be accused of being both elusive and shallow. You are elusive in order to protect the privacy you consider so very precious. You are not shallow, but have the ability to detach your emotions from your intellect, and tend to just skim the surface of many things.

FEATURE

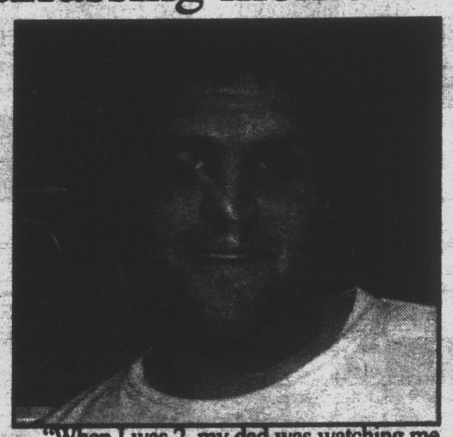
Question of the week: Embarrassed?

What would you say is your most embarrassing moment?



"Junior prom. I was wearing a strappy, like a spaghetti strap dress, and my date stepped on the bottom of my dress "by accident" and tried to pick me up during a swing song. I went up, but my dress didn't. About 15 or 16 guys were there watching." – **Alicia Roberts, sophomore**

"At Girl Scout Camp, the girls came in to get me to put this girl Mary's underwear up the flagpole. I helped them. I raised it and everything. Then the underwear got stuck jack smack up the flagpole. Then I found out it was really my underwear. That evening the Boy Scout Camp from across the street came over for a dance and my underwear was up there and they all saw it. It was pink with purple hearts. I cried and quit Girl Scouts the next year." – **Monica Asher, junior**



"When I was 2, my dad was watching me and my mom was down the street talking to one of her friends. I came rolling up on one of those fire truck things that you peddle. When I got out I had on cowboy boots and that was all. To this day they won't let me live it down." – **Aaron Detwiler, sophomore**

"Of the many embarrassing moments of my life, one of the worst was when I was in middle school. I was running from the swimming pool to the locker rooms and I slipped in the shower room, hit my head and saw stars. My (female) gym teacher had to help me get dressed." – **Vicki Vroble, junior**

"Because I didn't put the right accent onto a Spanish word, I called my father-in-law a potato repeatedly." - **Dr. David Swerdlow, English department**

"It's when I dressed up for Miss Titan last year. I thought it would be just lipstick for like 20 people. Then I had to change three times, a full make-up face in front of 200 people. But I did it because it was for a good cause." – **Rodolfo Sant'Anna, senior**

"Freshman year the professor called me during the final period to remind me that I was supposed to be taking a final at the time. I had to walk in 35 minutes late." – **Adam Corbett, senior**

"Certainly there are incidences that occur in my life which would merit another person's embarrassment over the event. However, I have no shame and therefore have no embarrassing moments." – **Amy Balderach, senior**

"It was last weekend on my 21st birthday. There was a reggae band playing at the bar we went to. I fell into one of the speakers, taking my sister down with me. The reggae guys incorporated my fall into one of their songs." – **Cristy Laudadio, junior**

"What about the time I went to class naked. Oh, wait a minute; I think that was a dream. I hope … I hope that was a dream." – **Ryan Saeler, senior**

Campus briefs

Student earns honorable mention

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Jessica Toy, a senior English major, earned honorable mention honors in the East Central College's Eleventh Annual Student Literary Competition for her poem "Catching Feet."

Winners were chosen from 169 entries from all nine ECC campuses, and were judged anonymously by faculty. All winners and honorable mention entries will be published in the 2002 ECC Literary Anthology.

The East Central Colleges are Bethany, Heidelberg, Hiram, Marietta, Mount Union, Muskingum, Otterbein, West Virginia Wesleyan and Westminster.

College hosts student research symposium

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The college will host a Student Research Symposium Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m. in Phillips Lecture Hall.

Keynote speaker Dr. Jilly Evans, director of the Department of Pharmacology at Merck Research Laboratories, will discuss "A Career in Pharmaceutical Science." Evans will trace her career from her birth in rural New Zealand in 1953 to her current position in West Point, Pa.

"She will highlight the role DNA double helix has played in her life," said Dr. John Robertson, assistant professor of biology. "She will walk through a day in the life of a bench scientist and a manager at Merck, and discuss the process of drug discovery, as well as talk about the skills needed to work at the Merck Research Laboratories."

"Jilly will also discuss two successful drug development projects she has worked on; the development of Singular for asthma treatment and Vioxx for arthritis and pain," Robertson continued. "She will end by giving her 'Top Tips' for success in a scientific career."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Robertson at EXT. 7044 or e-mail robertjc@westminster.edu.

Sesquicentennial biology celebration continues

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - Dr. Keen Compher, professor of biology, will present the fourth in the Biology Department Sesquicentennial Series Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Phillips Lecture Hall.

Compher will speak on "150 Years of Developmental Biology."

"I plan to mention current events in developmental biology which include: cloning, stem cell research, homeobox genes and pattern formation, reproductive technologies, and human sexual difference," said Compher. "I will concentrate on cloning and studies of human sexual differentiation, and the history of research leading to our current knowledge."

Compher, who has been with the college since 1993, earned his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

For more information, contact Compher at EXT. 7210 or e-mail compherk@westminster.edu

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

I hate being sick. I hate being sick at school even more. This is a college experience that we have all been through, but one we would rather forget. I have been lucky enough to only endure a few bouts of the dreaded sinus infection. I have never had mono or the flu or anything else as dreadful. I have also never broken any bones here, luckily.

Plus, if anyone acquires some sort of illness in the most remote part of campus, everyone is going to get sick, and the cycle continues and continues. There is no escape.

Anyway, sinus infections are bad enough. Don't you just love feeling like a faucet, especially while in class?

Do I blow my nose or would that be rude while the professor is lecturing? Do I just take an entire box of Kleenex to class with me or should I just grab a handful and hope that is enough? Maybe I should just not go to class … but I have a test today and what if the professor doesn't believe I'm sick and assumes I'm skipping. But is it really worth going to class feeling like my head is going to explode and possibly infecting everybody else?

These are just a few of the thoughts that run through my head when I am sick. I would much rather be spending my time in front of the TV with chicken soup as opposed to thinking about such trivialities. I would also much rather be at home.

Being sick when I was young was almost fun … I was doted on. Mom crushed ice for me, brought all meals to me on a tray and the remote was guaranteed to me. At school, though, and along with age and responsibility, we sometimes have to be sick and endure it. Sometimes taking over-the-counter medication can compound the sickness too. I become immediately stoned whenever I take Sudafed and Alka-Seltzer makes me pass out.

When the doctor tells us to take a few days off, we look at him and ignore his advice. Why? We have things to do and don't really have time to be sick. The days of chicken soup and crushed ice are over.

What about broken bones? What do we do when we lose the use of one of our limbs? Ask Beth Staley … she is an art major and had to go without the use of her arm for a long, long time. So what do we do to get over our illnesses while at school or at least try to forget about them while we have them?

Tip 1: Go get drugs. Try Echinacea.

Tip 2: Only take the drugs when you are guaranteed 5-8 hours of sleep. It is best not to go to class semi-stoned from those supposed non-drowsy over the counter medications.

Tip 3: Don't go out drinking when you are sick – you'll feel twice as bad the next day.

Tip 4: Whine as much as possible – it will make you feel better.

Tip 5: Drink lots of liquids (not alcoholic liquids). Tea is preferred.

Tip 6: Call mom. Maybe she'll come up to school to take care of you.

Your Student Government Association

By Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Amanda Kengersky and Jessica Young for being elected to the Board Trustees.

Sign-ups are still going on for Volley Rock, which takes place May 4. Also, new to Volley Rock, a fireworks show will be held at 10 p.m. The Special Events committee is also looking into renting a dunking booth for the day.

During the committee meetings, the Student Satisfaction Survey was discussed. Five main concerns were voted on, and will be reviewed at a later date. They are campus security response time, parking problems on campus, concerns with gym equipment, the fairness of room drawings and the off-campus lottery, and the library needing more books.

The judicial committee is currently discussing issues with security and the Health Center. Committee members are also working to put up a comment board in Galbreath where students can post concerns.

The senate approved two proposals by the academic committee, which will make changes to the school calendar. The Tuesday before classes start an orientation program for transfer students will be held. The proposal also states that the spring semester break would be extended for more travel, field experience or vacation time. The total time off would be seven class days. These proposals will now be sent to the Curriculum Operations Committee for approval.

The senate also voted to allocate $600 to Feast and Fire for sound equipment, and $3,750 to the Student Alumni Association for the Sesquicentennial Birthday bash.

This weekend, CPC is sponsoring Lil' Sibs Weekend. The festivities kick off with an ice cream social on Friday. Saturday, there will be a blow-up mountain for climbing, make-your-own pixie sticks, and Harry Potter will be shown in the Down Under. Everyone can participate in these events, but preference will be given to Lil' Sibs Weekend participants.

Finally, Shannon Lutz was elected to the senate to fill a vacancy. She will be sworn in upon acceptance.

Due to Greek Week activities, there will not be an SGA meeting next week.

Volley Rock 2002 to be held May 4

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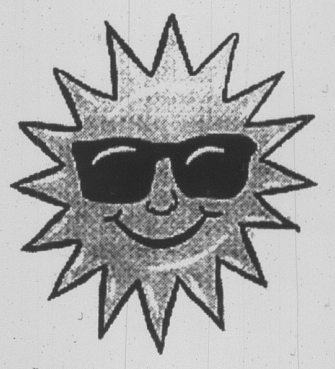

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST AND FIRE CELEBRATION will be held Friday, April 26, at 6 p.m. at the Anderson Amphitheater. The celebration includes a pig roast, bands and a bonfire. Bring your Titan Card to pay for the meal, which is equal to a meal in the cafeteria. For more information, contact Jacqueline Pusztay at EXT. 7717.

SIGN UP FOR VOLLEY ROCK April 10-19 in the Dining Hall from 11a.m.-1 p.m. and in the TUB from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for this May 4 event. Cost is $4 per person, which includes a t-shirt, Lube wings, music, snow cones, bingo and more. Teams must have six people and captains should have team name ready at the time of registration.

COLLEGE DAY AT KENNYWOOD is Sunday, May 5. Cost is just $10 for a special combination ticket that includes all-day rides at Kennywood and all-day ticket for Sandcastle Whitewater Slides.The Sandcastle ticket is good any operating day in June. Entertainment includes music by Sauce, bouncy boxing, sumo wrestling, jousting, games, competitions and prizes. Gates open at 10:30 a.m. and rides begin at 11 a.m. Contact reedca@westminster.edu for tickets.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH has an exciting unpaid internship opportunity in the marketing department for college students in their junior or senior year. This position requires 15-20 hours-per-week for the duration of the semester. For more information regarding this communications internship or to send a resume, write Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Marketing Department, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15213 or e-mail cignal@carnegielibrary.org. The Career Center also has more information on this internship.

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY CHURCH in Morgantown W.Va. is looking for an individual interested in working side by side with the pastor in a new church setting. This individual would be involved with worship, small groups, youth ministries, children ministries and events designed to attract the unchurched. For more information, contact Pastor Brian Kiehl at (309) 292-4963.

SHENANGO RIVER WATCHERS has an excellent volunteer opportunity for Westminster students. Three clean-up days, which last approximately four hours, are planned for Saturday mornings in the spring and summer. These clean-up days are always followed by a picnic lunch, which give students a chance to meet and interact with other area citizens. The Career Center has more information or contact the group at (724) 342-5453 or e-mail shenangoriver@hotmail.com.

THE EINTRACHT MAENNERCHOR of New Castle, a German men's chorus, is producing an Octoberfest in cooperation with the SNPJ Recreation Center, and is looking for people to solicit ads for a brochure. Ads cost $400 and up, and a 10 percent commission will be paid for each secured ad. Position is available immediately through the third week in May or completion of the brochure. Applicants must have a car and be willing to travel throughout greater New Castle. Training provided. For more information contact Dan Forsberg at (724) 946-3649 or e-mail danualforsberg@hotmail.com.

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Two-day celebration to be held for Jon Stallworthy

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.—The college plans to host a two-day celebration for Jon Stallworthy, an internationally recognized literary figure, Wednesday and Thursday, at 7 p.m. April 24 and 25 in the chapel.

Dr. Nancy Macky, associate professor of English, will give the Henderson Lecture "Fair in Love and War: The Writings of Jon Howie Stallworthy" Tuesday. Her lecture will share works from Stallworthy's entire collection, with writings from his archives at Oxford's Bodleian Library and letters, poetry, essays, anthologies and prize-winning biographies from his early childhood to maturity.

Stallworthy, who is a central force in the 20th century literature, will deliver "Beating Time: The Survival of Poetry" Wednesday evening. His talk will examine who reads poetry and what can be done to make it a more daily part of life. He plans to use an Elizabeth Bishop painting and poem as a handout for examination.

During this event, Macky will present Stallworthy with an honorary doctorate of literature. A reception and book signing will follow his talk in Thompson-Clark fourth floor lobby.

Elected visiting scholar at Wolfson College at Oxford University for 2001-2002, Macky catalogued Stallworthy's papers for the Bodleian Library, as well as compiled a comprehensive Stallworthy biography, which will be published by the British Academy.

"Jon is a much in demand speaker as a critic and a poet," Macky said. "He has spoken to museums and libraries on both sides of the Atlantic. And his audiences range from schoolchildren to the British Academy."

Stallworthy's accomplishments include the Oxford University Poetry Prize, The Newdigate Prize, the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize, the W.H. Smith Lit Prize and E.M. Forster Literary Award. He has published nine volumes of his poetry, has translated Russian poet Boris Pasternak and edited the Norton Anthology of Poetry, Norton Anthology of English Literature, the Penguin Book of Love Poetry and the Oxford Book of War Poetry.

Stallworthy earned his undergraduate degree from Magdalen College, and an M. Phil. from Oxford, as well as several honorary doctorates. He is currently a senior fellow at Wolfson College, where he was vicegerent and acting president until 2001.

Macky, who has been with the college since 1993, earned her undergraduate degree from Douglass College of Rutgers University and her master's and Ph.D. from Kent State University. While on campus, she has directed plays, created the Opera Workshop, produced and directed chamber opera, was visiting lecture in the Quest program and performed in poetry programs on W.B. Yeats and T.S. Eliot.

The Henderson Lecture, founded by Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth, was established to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among college faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community. Henderson, professor Emeritus of education, served as chair of the department of education and director of the graduate program.

Faculty Forum continues with Dr. W. Evans

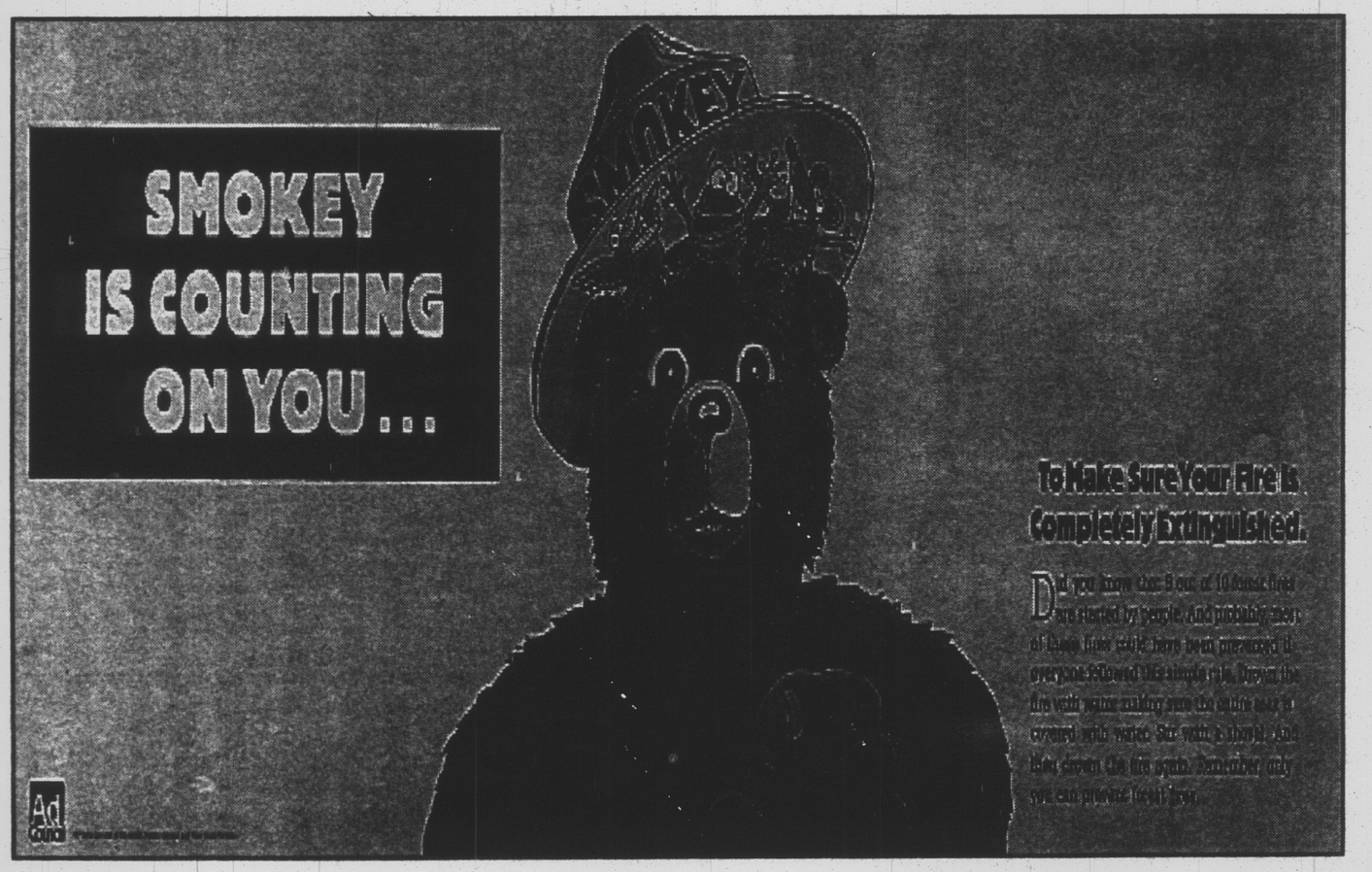
NEW WILMINGTON, Pa.—Dr. Williams Evans, associate professor of education, continues the Faculty Forum Wednesday, April 24, at 11:45 a.m. in Patterson Hall room 311.

"The Counselor Education Master's Program at Westminster: Looking Back and Moving Forward" will review the evolution of the counseling profession and the counselor education curriculum at the college.

"I will describe the growth of the current program and the development of a new postmaster's course of study for school counselors," Evans said.

Evans earned his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University, his master's from Youngstown State University, and his Ph.D. from Kent State University.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Evans at 724-946-7184 or e-mail evanswj@westminster.edu.



Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 19
Westminster College Institute Day
LIL' SIBS WEEKEND
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Grove City (H)
3:30 p.m. Softball @ Washington & Jefferson
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Spring Show "Life Beyond Earth?" - HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Twelfth Night - Beeghly Theater
8:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program - Orr
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 20
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
LIL' SIBS WEEKEND
RELAY FOR LIFE
EARTH DAY
Habitat for Humanity "Habifest"
Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field @ Slippery Rock Invitational
Men's Golf @ Allegheny College Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Bethany (H)
2:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Spring Program - Orr
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Planetarium Spring Show "Life Beyond Earth?" - HSC 116
7:30 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Twelfth Night - Beeghly Theater

SUNDAY 21
Men's Golf @ Allegheny College Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball @ Bethany (WV)
1:30 p.m. Canoe-a-Thon - Brittain Lake and Anderson Amphitheater
2:00 p.m. Theatre Westminster: Twelfth Night - Beeghly Theater
3:00 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: Skulls 2 - Down Under

MONDAY 22
GREEK WEEK
Men's Golf @ Grove City Invitational
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Softball @ Geneva
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta — Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
7:30 p.m. Women's Chorus Concert - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 23
11:15 a.m. SLAC Meeting - OM 307
3:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Hiram (H)
7:15 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: "Letters of George Bleasby" - Russell Hall Dining Room
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr
9:00 p.m. New Residence Life Staff Social - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 24
Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oglebay Golf Club, Wheeling, WV)
11:00 a.m. Women's Golf @ PAC Championships
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: Bill Evans, 'Not Your Parents' Counselor Education Program: New Directions and Growth" - PH 311
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Medaille (H)
4:00 p.m. Softball @ Ashland
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Ph 112/113
7:00 p.m. Henderson Lecture: Dr. Nancy Macky - Beeghly Theater
9:00 p.m. Dance Theatre Rehearsal - Orr Auditorium
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under
TBA Miss Titan Competition

THURSDAY 25
Men's Golf @ PAC Championships (Oglebay Golf Club, Wheeling, WV)
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Voting for Senior Commencement Speaker - Student Affairs Office
9:30 a.m. Women's Golf @ PAC Championships
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
11:00 a.m. Women's Golf @ PAC Tournament
6:00 p.m. Black Student Union - Down Under
7:00 p.m. Biology Department Sesquicentennial Series: Dr. Keen Compher, "150 Years of Develop.m.ental Biology" - Location TBA
7:00 p.m. Guest Lecturer: Dr. Jon Stallworthy - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

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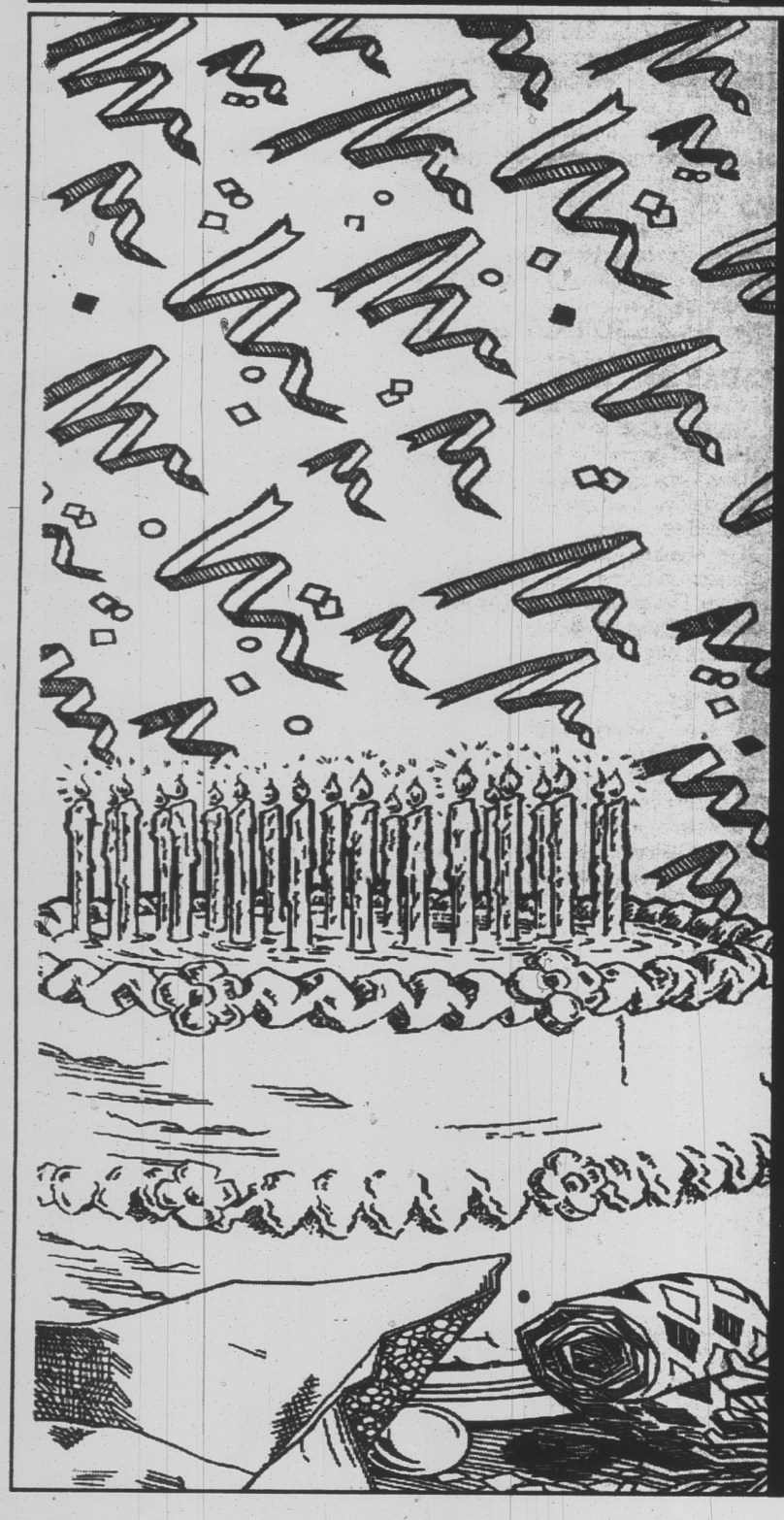

Lil' Sibs Weekend

Friday, April 19

REGISTRATION, PICTURE BUTTONS, AND FACE PAINTING
5:00-7:00 p.m. Down Under

PIZZA/SUB PARTY
5:00-7:00 p.m. Down Under

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BAKE AND POTTERY SALE
5:00-7:00 p.m. Down Under

RELAY FOR LIFE ICE CREAM SOCIAL
7:00-10:00 p.m. Down Under

"LIFE BEYOND EARTH"
7:00 p.m. Planetarium, Hoyt
(Call EXT. 7200 for reservations, seating is limited)

THEATRE WESTMINSTER (extra cost)
SHAKESPEARE'S *TWELFTH NIGHT*
7:30 p.m. Beeghly Theater

DANCE THEATER (Free)
8:00 p.m. Orr Auditorium

JT'S CAFE (free cappuccino, soft drinks, cookies, and MUGS!)
10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Down Under

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AT JT'S
Answer Questions about Habitat to win prizes!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

BOOKSTORE OPEN
10:00 a.m.-noon Old 77

ALPHA PHI OMEGA STORY HOUR
10:00 a.m. Outside of Bookstore

RELAY FOR LIFE
10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies, Burry Stadium
**Coins may be deposited at Relay

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BIRD HOUSE BUILDING
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Down by the track

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER INFLATABLE AND "ZANY GRAINY" (Create Pixi-Stix!)
12:00-4:00 p.m. Along Westminster Road (near track) or by the boathouse
In the event of bad weather, the inflatable will be located in the Intramural Gym, located inside Memorial Field House.

BRUNCH
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Dining Hall or down at Relay (must have meal ticket)

WC BASEBALL V. BETHANY
1:00 p.m. Baseball Field

DANCE THEATRE MATINEE (Free)
2:00 p.m. Orr Auditorium

LIL' SIBS SWIM PARTY
2:00-4:00 p.m. Field House

DINNER
4:45-6:00 p.m. Dining Hall or down at Relay (Must have meal ticket)

MASS
7:00 p.m. Chapel

"LIFE BEYOND EARTH"
7:00 p.m. Planetarium, Hoyt
(Call EXT. 7200 for reservations, seating is limited)

THEATRE WESTMINSTER (extra cost)
Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*
7:30 p.m. Beeghly Theater

MOVIE: "HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE"
7:30 p.m. Down Under

RELAY FOR LIFE
Luminaries Ceremonies followed by Closing Ceremonies and concluding with Fireworks around 10:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. Burry Stadium

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

BRUNCH
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Dining Hall

ALPHA PHI OMEGA CANOE-A-THON
1:00 p.m. Brittain Lake

THEATER WESTMINSTER (extra cost)
SHAKESPEARE'S *TWELFTH NIGHT*
2:00 p.m. Beeghly Theater

WC PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
3:00 p.m. Chapel

**Prepared posters with an "Earth Day" theme can be dropped off between 12 and 2 p.m. on Saturday the 20th at track, tent is located next to the creek. The contest will be judged by age.

Lil' Sibs Wekend is coordinated by the CPC and the SGA.

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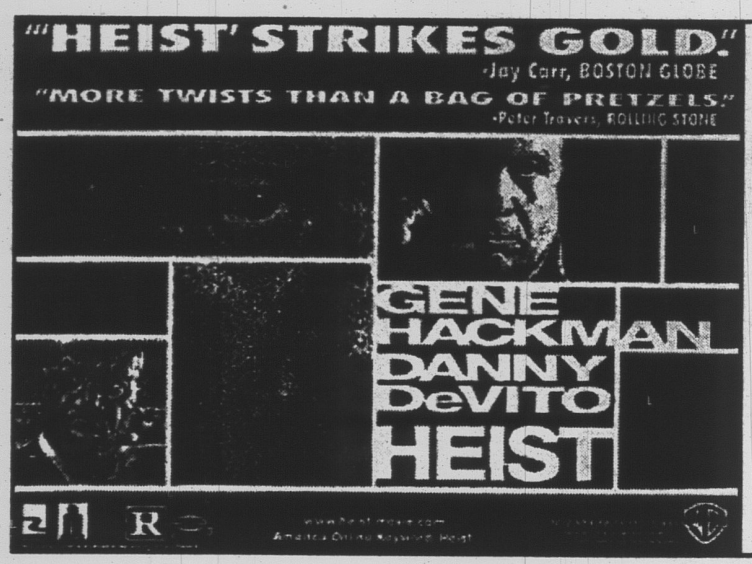

Showing:
Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events Spring '02

April 26 - Feast 'n Fire
May 3 - JT's Cafe
May 4 - VolleyRock ALL DAY

Friday, April 26, 2002

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Senior art gallery talk April 29

By Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Six art majors will exhibit a variety of pieces from April 22 through May 7 as part of their senior art show. The students will speak about their works at 7 p.m. on April 29 in the gallery, followed by a reception.

Participants are Lucas Bell, Zach Beresh, Sarah Lohr, Beth Staley, Jami White and Nancy Wicks.

The students chose their ideas earlier in the semester. "This is an art free-for-all as far as ideas go," Lohr said.

Bell's graphic design pieces focus on nature. He combined selected images from magazines into new and creative works.

"I am relieved to be done. I can't wait to sit back and enjoy it all," Bell said. "It will be nice to see what others think about my art."

Beresh expressed his personal choice to become an art major by planning his graphic design exhibit around four topics: music, family, technology and motion.

Lohr used ceramics as her media to create a set of masks under the main theme of "Faces and Fire."

Students are required to give a 10 to 15 minute speech about their works during the gallery talk. "In my speech, I plan to expand upon my artist statement and explain why I chose this theme and additional specific details about the process of raku firing," Lohr said.

Staley plans to display a dozen paintings to express her theme of music. Her painted pieces are on canvas, a guitar case and tambourines.

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Photo by Heidi Krieger

Zach Beresh's senior project.

Greek Week to end with Sing 'n Swing

Photo by Craig Carlin

A fraternity member competes in the kickball tournament.

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

Greek week, six days filled with activities for sororities and fraternities to participate and compete against each other in, is finally here.

Greeks receive five points for first place, three points for second place, and one point for third place in an activity. The sororities are paired with different fraternities for most activities.

Two first place awards are given, one to the top sorority and fraternity, two second place awards, and two third place awards.

Monday's activities consisted of kickball and Greek feud. Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Phi won kickball and were each awarded five points.

Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon took first in Greek Feud on Monday night.

Bocce and football were held on Tuesday. Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Kappa took first in football. Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Kappa Tau took first in bocce.

Wednesday's activities were Ultimate Frisbee and track and field events. Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon won the Ultimate Frisbee. Track and Field events were won by Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi.

Thursday's activities were softball and volleyball. Then swimming relays, a belly flop contest, "Anything that Floats," relay races and a cupcake eating contest will be held today.

As of Wednesday night, the standings for the winner of Greek Week has Zeta Tau Alpha in first place, followed by Alpha Gamma

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Relaxation room
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Student kayaks creek
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Friday: P. Cloudy high 53° low 31°

Saturday: Light Rain high 57° low 31°

Sunday: Showers high 68° low 41°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Steam ruins room in Eichenauer Hall

By Sara Ialongo
Staff Writer

Room 132 in Eichenauer Hall was a disaster when juniors Rob Thompson and Barry Marks returned from Spring Break.

Director of Physical Plant, Owen Wagner, said it is difficult to fully understand how the mistake was overlooked. "It is my understanding that we were doing repairs on water lines and for whatever reason, in that particular room, the shower faucet was left on."

"When I came back from break and opened my door, I was greeted with steam rolling out of the room," Thompson said. "It was like a rainforest with steam and water everywhere."

Although the incident was overwhelming for Thompson and Marks, they were thankful for the immediate attention they received. Donald Shelenberger, the college business manager, is helping process their claim.

"I received the security report and immediately asked the guys to take inventory of their room and make a list of their damages," Shelenberger said.

Thompson said the total estimated damage for the room is $11,000. Thompson explained how some things such as class notebooks, limited edition CDs and three years of saved documents on his computer could not be replaced.

"Water can do a lot of damage," Shelenberger said. "I've seen worse cases, but it's always tough when students have personal damage."

After hot water ran for three consecutive days, Thompson described what his room looked like. "The paint was peeling off the walls, and then it was steaming for 1 1-2 hours after I turned off the water. The clothes on metal hangers were rusted, and the varnish on the furniture boiled away," Thompson said.

The worst part of the accident for Marks was the adjustment. "Currently, I have no computer and our walls are so bare and ugly," he said. "It's not so bad now because the awful smell from the damp furniture is gone."

"It is unfortunate and I apologize to the students and the community that this happened," Wagner said.

Shelenberger is confident that the problem will be fixed soon. "We'll get this thing worked out before the end of the school." He commends Thompson and Marks for their understanding and patience.

Newly remodeled relaxation room open to walk-ins

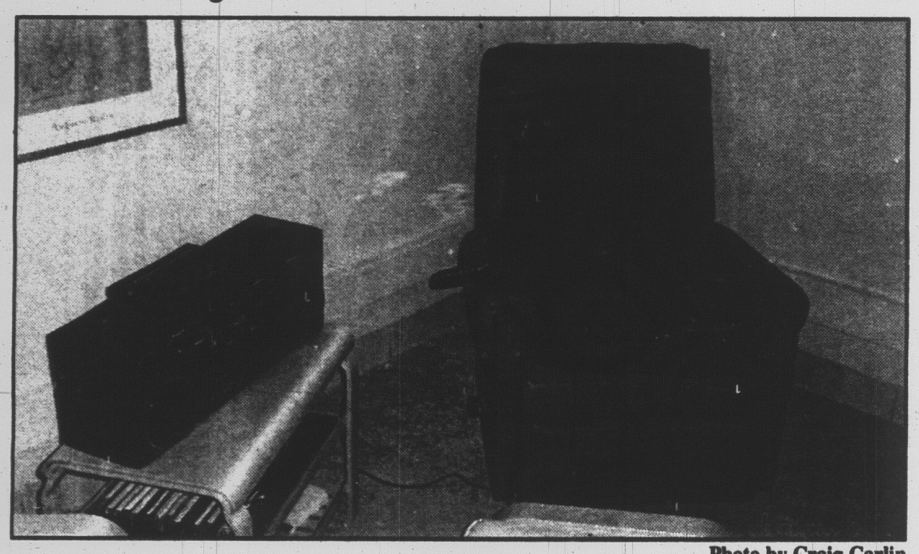

Photo by Craig Carlin
The relaxation room is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

By Craig Carlin
Staff Writer

The relaxation room in the student health center is decorated using Feng Shui, the ancient Chinese art and science of living in harmony with your environment. When students are stressed, this peaceful room provides a safe haven for both mental and physical relaxation.

The newly remodeled room with its modern lighting and comfortable seating is inviting. The room contains a body massage pad, magazines and headphones.

"This is a place where you can be totally alone and no one will bother you," campus counselor Babs Quincy said. "I just think it would be appealing to know there's somewhere to go to get away from it all."

The relaxation room is open to walk-ins during the regular health center hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The health center offers counseling services as well. Quincy confidentially talks with students who suffer from problems ranging from depression and anxiety to roommate and relationship tension.

Although he has never used the counseling service, junior Matt Mough, an Eichenauer RA, believes that stress is a problem for students near the end of the semester. "I think it [the counseling service] is a worthwhile thing because college students are under a lot of stress, and sometimes they need someone to talk to about that," he said.

The sessions, which last no more than an hour, are private and anonymous.

Quincy conducts alcohol, depression, anxiety and eating disorder screenings to help pinpoint student problems. A recent smoking cessation class was so successful that Quincy would like it to become an annual event.

If interested in scheduling a counseling session with Babs Quincy, call EXT. 7340 or email her at quincybi@westminster.edu. She is at the health center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

College offers satisfactory/unsatisfactory courses to students

By Kristen Nicklin
Staff Writer

Juniors and seniors in good academic standing have the option of taking one course per year using the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading scale. A satisfactory grade represents work of at least C- quality and an unsatisfactory grade represents work of D+ or lower quality.

Students can register for any electives as S/U, but not for major or IP requirements. If students earn a satisfactory grade, the course counts toward graduation credits. No credit is earned for an unsatisfactory grade. S/U courses do not affect GPA.

Junior Amanda Pinkney is currently taking a Shakespeare course using the S/U option. "This course is a nice break from my normal routine of science lab course, and I don't have to worry as much about my grade in it," Pinkney said.

"I would have taken an S/U class if I would have known earlier about it," junior Gina Bessetti said.

"I am glad I am aware of the satisfactory/unsatisfactory classes so that when I am a junior or senior I can take advantage of these classes," freshman Jill Dobi said.

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"I attempted to translate some of my favorite song writers and songs into paintings, while using lots of color to make my art uplifting," Staley said.

White used her web development skills to create three CD-ROMs for breast cancer awareness, recycling and a clothing company.

"The show allows us to display what we can do and what we have learned," White said. "I'm a bit nervous though because I don't like to hear bad things about my art."

Wicks' theme is ceramic pots and vases. She plans to use her section of the gallery to display her ceramic series of bird baths and pumpkins.

"I am anxious and anticipating the show," she said.

Students have raised some concern for the security of their pieces due to the art thefts earlier this year. The student exhibits are the only shows not insured by the college.

"My pieces are one of a kind," Staley said. "If they are stolen or damaged, I can't necessarily remake them."

"On one hand, I would be flattered if someone took my work because that means that they want it," Beresh said. "But, on the other hand, I would still be mad."

Assistant Dean John Lechner reports that two pieces prior to the senior show have been reported missing. Lohr said that at least six pieces have been defaced or stolen from the gallery since the beginning of December.

"Security wants to do everything that it can to protect the pieces that students have worked on so diligently," Lechner said.

Security plans to have a guard pass through the gallery more often during the senior show. The security department is taking bids to install surveillance cameras in the residence halls. Lechner anticipates that it will be of comparable price to install the same cameras in the gallery, depending on the technology chosen and the availability of funds.

The art gallery is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Interested buyers can inquire about additional information on the pieces or prices by contacting Peggy Cox at EXT. 7266.

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Delta, and then Sigma Kappa in third place. Sigma Nu lead the fraternities, followed by Alpha Sigma Phi and then Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The winners of last year's Greek Week were Alpha Gamma Delta, and then a tie between Alpha Sigma Phi and Sigma Nu.

Along with these daily activities, Greeks have also been practicing in the evenings for Sing 'n Swing, to be held at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. The winners of last year's Sing 'n Swing were Zeta Tau Alpha and Theta Chi.

The theme for this year's Sing 'n Swing is verbs. Each fraternity and sorority must choose a verb and then create a show, generally consisting of dancing and singing numbers, based on the specific verb.

Students found living off-campus without permission

By Karen Coulter
Staff Writer

In early April, several students were found living off-campus without permission from the college. The students, listed as commuters, were renting properties in the borough.

Molly Burnett, assistant dean of student affairs, said that over the course of the school year, 10 to 12 students in four different locations were involved in illegal housing incidents. Because of the current judicial process, names could not be released.

Students were investigated after the New Wilmington Borough police notified the campus of problems at rental properties. Complaints of loud noise, music or parties in the early morning hours had been lodged, Burnett said.

Twice yearly, landlords must submit forms to the boro office listing current tenants. Names were verified by these lists. Students were sent a letter, informing them they were in violation of the college's code of conduct and that they were being investigated.

About half of the students opted to move back to campus. The remaining chose to resume true commuter status. Most were seniors and probably felt this was easiest, Burnett said. Students living within an approximate 50 mile radius are permitted to list themselves as commuters she added.

"While some students residing within the community blend in and go unnoticed, there is a growing concern that student housing is not compatible in residential areas," Burnett said. The boro police and the campus have a long-standing relationship and are working to resolve college issues, she added.

"By becoming a Westminster student, you are assuming--taking on, the responsibility of abiding by Westminster's housing policy--all of our policies, actually," Burnett said. "The student's first obligation is with us, as they matriculate at Westminster."

Numbers are being skewed by the students who try to work outside of the system. This is an issue of fairness and it is hurting students and taking away options and the college's ability to allow more students to live off-campus Burnett said. The off-campus lottery system only permits 35 students to participate.

One student directly involved in the recent incidents wished to offer comment anonymously. "I think Westminster spends way too much time focusing on issues such as off-campus housing when there are far more important issues to be resolved ..."

Some students express sympathy for students involved in the current dilemma. "Most other colleges push upper class students off campus, but not Westminster," sophomore Amy Bridge said. "I think if I didn't get off I would be tempted to get off campus any way I could," she added.

Sophomore Libby Mucciarone replied via e-mail, "While Westminster prides itself upon the high availability of on-campus housing, I think hypocrisy reigns in the 'housing dilemma.' During our liberal arts education, they teach us to think 'outside the box' and to be independent, essentially. Yet, they won't let students live independently. On-campus housing is great for some people, but not for others. In order to accept the so-called diversity our college is reaching towards, why aren't we seeking for diversity in other venues, like housing? Students cheat the system quite simply because going with the grain here is part of the 'disease,' and someone has to try to sand the grain the other way."

Students may refer to the residence life section of their student handbook for current housing policy. Student Affairs is now including an addendum citing repercussions students can expect if they choose to reside off campus illegally.

The section, "Violations of Housing Requirements Policy" reads, "The college reserves the right to take disciplinary action against students who violate the Housing Requirements policy. This includes, but is not limited to, residing in off-campus housing without the express written permission of the College."

Off-campus housing debated by school and community

By Karen Coulter
Staff Writer

Off-campus housing is a hot topic. Emotions run high among students, borough residents, landlords and even faculty. Policies of local colleges and boro opinion may put the issue into perspective for students considering this move.

"Approximately 50 percent of our students live off campus," said Dr. Paula Olivera, director of housing and residence education at Slippery Rock. "Our view is that all freshman are required to live in a residence hall unless a notarized letter from a parent or legal guardian is received stating that they are living at home and commuting."

If freshman are found commuting from anywhere other than home, they will be charged for the cost of a residence hall room for the entire year. "Our contract is legally binding," she said.

"After January starts the room assignment process. Any currently registered students are free to pursue alternative housing," Olivera said. "Next year, we may revisit the entire situation. Our enrollment for this fall is up--or at lease projected to be--and at this point in time we are not able to offer current students a room if they had not signed up back in February," she added. At Slippery Rock, the trend is to move back to residence halls. "It is interesting," Olivera said.

In 2004, Slippery Rock plans to renovate halls and build suite and apartment residences. The number one issue for students is private or semiprivate bathroom facilities. "We will take student lifestyle needs into consideration," Olivera said.

"The office keeps listings of available housing on file, not approved or reviewed, just kept on file. There is a private residence hall built in the '60s and we have also been approached by those seeking to build new private complexes for students," Olivera added.

Approximately 7000 students including nontraditional and graduate students attend Slippery Rock. Of the undergraduate students, 40 percent of the undergraduate population or 2700 live in college residences.

"Approximately 50 percent live off campus and 10 percent commute," Olivera explained.

In comparison, "Seventy-seven percent of our students live on campus at Westminster, the other 33 percent either live in fraternity houses, commute from home, or live in off-campus apartments," said Molly Burnett, assistant dean of Student Affairs.

Those who qualify for an exemption from housing requirement (pg.10 of student handbook) are also included in this figure. "The best estimate is that we have about 100 students living off-campus," Burnett added. Due to budgetary factors, it was not known what percentage of student population the 35 lottery spots represent.

Grove City College is a residential campus, Linda Black, dean of women said. "All of our students live on campus. The exception to residential is commuting from home and we allow a 35 mile radius."

Students must live with family or a relative. "We believe a part of the whole education process includes being part of the campus community--it goes beyond the class schedule," Black said.

Only those who are fifth year seniors, have studied abroad or are completing a second major, may live off-campus. They are required to live in approved housing. "A small percentage next year, I'm guessing 10 women and approximately the same for men or 1-2 percent of the student population will be effected," she added.

It is rare that a student is found living off campus illegally, but it does happen. "There might be extenuating circumstances, if we did not have housing ... But the basic rule of thumb is that we provide housing," Black said.

The dynamics of a small town may further complicate issues. Residents of the borough also voice strong opinions. Tawnee and Dave Hunter say if there is adequate quality housing, it is better for college students to live in a dorm. It promotes lessons needed later in life such as compromising, negotiating and cooperation Tawnee said.

When asked if seniors should be allowed to live off campus, she replied, "Yes, if the boro could have restricted areas for rentals."

"Because of differing lifestyles, we would not want students living in our neighborhood," Dave said. The Hunters have three children under the age of 14.

Another boro resident employed by Westminster wished to comment anonymously about off-campus housing. "In the best of all possible worlds, no--they should live on campus."

Landlords have a different perspective. Ronald "Red" Proudfoot, owner of Red's Place for Car Care has rented to students for more than 20 years. He said though students cause more damage than the average person would, he has had no major problems. His biggest complaint was that, "They don't take care of the garbage as good as they could." He added, "There is the occasional party, but when they sign the lease they are responsible for everything that goes on there and anyone they permit into the apartment."

"As competition between colleges become more fierce--after all, this is business--the college is a business--they are going to have to let at least the seniors live off of campus. Part of the maturing process is being responsible and living on your own," Proudfoot said. "Being able to live off-campus may end up being a determining factor on the college that is chosen."

Jeff Gilliland said his apartments on Market Street are geared for responsible students. "When kids rent from me, because of the lease agreement they sign, they know that there are specific rules that have to be followed. They act as adults and I will treat them that way. I expect them to have parties, but reasonably," he added.

"I have apartments empty this year and I probably will next year," Gilliland said. "I offer affordable living off-campus but not a party house." He feels specific items in his lease deter some renters. When contemplating a move off campus, there are many pros and cons to consider. Additional information may be obtained at http://apartments.about.com/library/weekly/aa to help make this difficult decision.

Chapel staff service team to host mission forum May 2

By Emily Koegler
Contributing Writer

The service team of the chapel staff will be hosting a mission forum at 4 p.m. next Thursday, May 2 in Ferguson lobby.

The forum will feature a group of people who will speak about their mission work.

Dr. Jim Cummins, Dr. Jennifer DiLalla, and senior Heidi Langdon will be sharing their experiences. Anyone interested in mission work should attend this hour-long event.

The service team will host another forum next semester which will focus on how to find a mission opportunity that is right for you.

Relay for Life raises more than $30,000 sending five-year total over $100,000

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – The Relay for Life event held April 20 raised more than $30,000 for cancer research.

"We achieved our goal of raising over $100,000 in five years," said Mike DaVia, philanthropy chair. "There were 54 teams that participated, and we had major sponsors such as UPMC, Giant Eagle, Dominos, Cattron Communications, Subway, The Tavern, Bullseye's and Zambelli Fireworks."

"Overall, I was proud and thankful for all those who helped make Relay happen. Everyone came together to work towards a common goal to eliminate cancer," DaVia said.

The concept behind Relay for Life involves teams of 8 to 15 people taking turns walking or running around the track, relay-style, for 12 straight hours. Each team member is asked to raise donations to support the American Cancer Society services, programs and research.

Hoyt's foundation under supervision: still safe

By Stacey Babyak
Staff Writer

Over the years, the foundation of the Hoyt Science Center has slightly shifted, leading to rumors about the possible collapse of the building in the future.

The problem with Hoyt's foundation was first noticed in 1984. Slag under the concrete pad of the base was hydrated and started expanding, pushing the floor up. The expansion eventually subsided, but the issue was reintroduced in the spring of 2000.

Physical Plant Director Owen Wagner has been aware of this problem since he came to the campus more than three years ago. "We began to monitor the expansion not only on site, but samples in the lab were tested as well," Wagner said. "We determined that there wasn't any danger at that point and monitored the situation."

Minor repairs have been made to the walls and ceiling. If large amounts of water continue to hydrate the slag, proper measures will be taken in order to save the building.

Math department chair Barbara Faires commends Wagner and his crew for doing a good job with the maintenance of the college buildings.

She did report slight changes in Hoyt due to the floor movement, however. "Office doors that will not stay open for several months will stay open for two weeks," she said. "So there may be a bit of shifting."

Junior neuroscience major Ericka Peterson has been aware of the shifting due to her frequent use of Hoyt. "I just thought they fixed the problem before we came back to school," she said. "I don't really have any major concerns for my safety while in the building."

The condition of the building remains safe for students and faculty. A civil engineer reviews the status of the science building every other week. Wagner encourages the campus community to report any problems regarding the building. He said it is important to preserve the older buildings from any structural damage.

"We try and maintain the integrity of our buildings using the best possible ideas and material to ensure safe and efficient use," Wagner said.

No other buildings on campus have this problem with their foundations.

Lambda Sigma banquet honors 38 new members

By Jessica Vituccio
Senior Staff Writer

Lambda Sigma, a national sophomore honor society, held its annual banquet last Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Russell Dining Hall. The group initiated 38 new members, four more than last year.

This was the fifth and final step for initiation and new officers and all new members were sworn in and initiated. The Professor of the Year award was also presented at the ceremony. Dr. James Cummins of the foreign language department was the recipient of the award this year.

The professor of the year award is given based on student nominations received through e-mail. The professor with the most nominations is the winner.

To be considered for Lambda Sigma, freshmen must have a 3.0 grade point average after their first semester. Students being considered for the honor society are asked to submit an essay and also the names of faculty and residence life who would be a good reference for the student.

Stefanie Maccaglia, a sophomore and the outgoing president of Lambda Sigma, said the faculty and residence life recommendations play a big role in the student's acceptance.

"It is important to find a faculty member or residence life person that knows you well, because a lot of our decision is based on what they have to say," Maccaglia said.

The applications are then judged by the five executive officers, the junior adviser to the group, who is the previous year's president, and Lambda Sigma's two advisers, Dean Neal Edman and Dr. Kang-Yup Na.

The panel then ranks the applicants and makes a list of people to accept and then they discuss applicants they are unsure about.

"It's hard for us to decide on who to accept because they have only been here for one semester when we see their applications," Maccaglia said.

Lambda Sigma membership lasts for one year, and even though the new members are initiated their freshman year, their actual service doesn't start until their sophomore year.

The four ideals of Lambda Sigma are scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service.

Some of the service activities they completed this year were a clothing drive, a food drive with the help of the fraternities, distribution of ribbons after September 11, and Christmas caroling at the two nursing homes in town.

"We did a lot this past year, I was pretty proud of the group," Maccaglia said.

Student questions possible violation of free speech

By Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

Do we have freedom of speech here? Does security have to get permission or notify you before entering your room?

These are questions junior Jimm Needle hasn't had answered after his "Westminster Sucks" sign was ripped down by security while he was on Spring Break.

Needle put the sign up Wednesday before Spring Break in protest of a related event, but it was gone when he returned. "I come back from break and it's just gone, no one said anything to me, the sign is just gone," he said.

Freshman Robert Miller said he thinks it was wrong for security to take Needle's sign without his knowledge. "I think they should have at least notified him about going in his room and taking down the sign," he said.

Dean of Safety and Security John Lechner commented on the incident. "I hoped the fact that it was done would be sufficient notice of the inappropriateness of the sign, but it was not, and it went back up," he said.

After seeing the sign go back up, a security guard was reportedly sent to remove the second sign. Needle told the security guard he wouldn't let him take the sign down unless he was given a reason.

"I'll take it [the sign] down but I want Student Affairs to contact me first to tell me why I have to take it down," he said.

After an inquiry into the issue by his RA without what he considered to be a satisfactory answer, Needle decided it was time for a change. "I just took it [the 'Westminster Sucks' sign] down on my own will and put up 'Student Affairs makes me sick,' because this whole ordeal does make me sick," he said.

Lechner said the second sign was less offensive than the first. "That sign remained because it was not offensive and vulgar like the previous one," he said. "I think the first sign is much more a matter of bad manners and poor judgment than one of freedom of speech. Speaking freely is a right but communicating properly and effectively is a learned skill."

Needle still isn't convinced the actions were justified. "So basically with this whole thing they came into my room, stole something in my room and never told me about it," he said.

When asked what the policy on signs is and who determines if they are offensive, Lechner said, "I have no further comment on the issue."

In Section A of the Notice Procedures section of the Student Handbook it states that, "The judicial process shall be initiated by the Dean of Student Affairs sending a notice to the student who has been accused of violating the Code of Conduct."

The Code of Conduct section does not have any specific statement about the college's policy on signs.

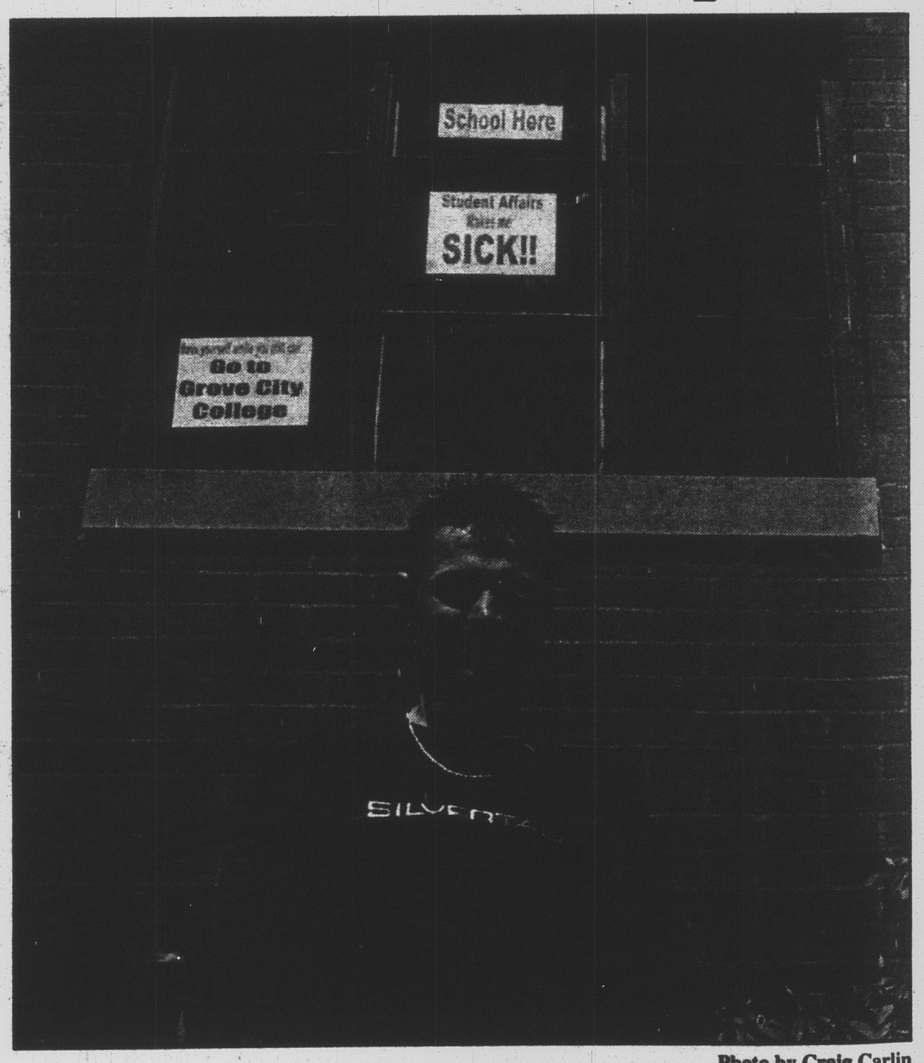

Photo by Craig Carlin
Junior Jim Needle stands in front of the new signs in his window.

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Erie priest resigns for past child pornography possession

ERIE, Pa. (AP) - A priest in the Erie Diocese has resigned after it was learned that he was arrested on charges of possessing child pornography in 1999.

The Rev. Robert F. Bower, 69, resigned the day after a meeting between Erie Catholic Bishop Donald Trautman and Erie County District Attorney Brad Foulk on April 15, the Erie Times-News reported.

In a letter to the editor, Bishop Trautman wrote, "There is no evidence of misconduct known to the diocese on the part of Rev. Bower from 1999 to the present. He appears to be a person who has put his life in order."

Trautman said there were never any criminal charges filed against Bower, who was affiliated with a Catholic outreach center on the campus of Edinboro University.

Three felony child pornography charges against Bower were dropped because of a problem in the way police handled evidence, Foulk said.

The paper had reported previously that three women spoke with Trautman's predecessor, Bishop Michael Murphy, about their concerns over Bower's behavior in 1982. They said Bower had been receiving gay pornography at his office.

One of those women, Bower's secretary, was fired two days after her meeting with Murphy.

"My story speaks for itself," said Sally Beres, the secretary who was fired.

Murphy, 86, who is retired, said he has no recollection of a meeting with the three women.

Bower did not respond to a message seeking comment, and previously declined comment, the paper said.

Man sentenced for shooting drunk, naked neighbor to death

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) - A suburban Philadelphia man was sentenced to six to 20 years in prison for manslaughter for shooting to death an intoxicated and naked neighbor mistakenly trying to enter his house.

Montgomery County Judge Maurino J. Rossanese on Friday sentenced Paul John Bellina, who was convicted March 21 of voluntary manslaughter in the Sept. 13, 2000, shooting in Upper Gwynedd Township.

Rossanese imposed more than the five-year mandatory minimum but said he was taking into account Bellina's military service, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam and two Purple Hearts.

Before he was sentenced, Bellina tearfully apologized to the family of the victim, Craig Holtzman, 31, who was living next door in the basement of his parent's home in the same townhouse complex.

Bellina, 53, was awakened in the early-morning hours by a burglar alarm and grabbed his 9 mm pistol when he saw Holtzman naked at his door. Holtzman, who was intoxicated and had gone outside to urinate, apparently mistook Bellina's unit for his own, police said.

Bellina, an ex-Marine, shot Holtzman eight times, three times in the head. A coroner testified that at least one of those shots was fired while Holtzman was already on the ground.

Prosecutors said the first shots were justifiable, but it became a crime when Bellina pursued Holtzman out of his house and fired more shots. Defense lawyer Pat McMenamin said Bellina was "shocked, stressed and scared" when he shot Holtzman and fired in self-defense.

"Our object was to send a message," county assistant district attorney Wendy Demchick-Alloy said.

11 arrested in connection with cocaine and heroin ring

By Todd Spangler
AP WRITER

PITTSBURGH (AP) - U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Friday that 11 people had been indicted in connection with the largest cocaine and heroin ring ever discovered in western Pennsylvania.

According to drug enforcement agents, the network was led by Oliver Beasley out of Pittsburgh's North Side and funneled 12 kilograms of heroin and 100 kilograms of cocaine to the region.

That amount of heroin and cocaine could be worth more than $11 million a month, law enforcement officials said.

In a seven-count federal indictment unsealed Friday in Pittsburgh, Beasley and 10 other people were charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and heroin over the last four years. Nine of the people have been arrested and law enforcement is looking for the other two, said U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan.

Ashcroft, who made the announcement at a news conference in Pittsburgh, said the indictment grew out of an investigation into a "serious and growing" drug problem in the city, where there were 129 heroin-related deaths last year - an 88 percent increase from 2000.

The investigation had been going on for a couple of years and officials said it involved numerous federal, state and local law enforcement groups, including the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI.

As part of a series of arrests Thursday, law enforcement officials said they seized some $5 million in cash, assets and vehicles and 2.6 kilograms of heroin.

DEA Agent Gregg Drews said the cocaine and heroin would be supplied by dealers in the New York City area and Atlanta. Much of it was sold in the Pittsburgh region, though some was also transported to Detroit, he said.

Among those indicted were Todd Greene, 37, of Spring Valley, N.Y., and Herbert Felder, 33, of Newark, N.J.

A separate charge of heroin possession with intent to distribute arose from a March 27 vehicle stop in Somerset County, when authorities say they found more than six pounds of heroin - valued at more than $2 million - beneath the floor of a minivan driven by 53-year-old Pamela Watson, of Pittsburgh.

Ashcroft said even with the war on terrorism continuing, law enforcement must keep up efforts to fight drug distribution networks.

Charged with conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute cocaine and heroin were Beasley; Greene; Felder; Watson; Edward Myrick of Bethel Park, Pa.; and Donald Lyles, Jerome Hollaman, Michael Gyure, Andre Key, Leonard Worthy and Delgardo Scott, all of Pittsburgh.

All but Key and Worthy have been arrested, Buchanan said.

The U.S. attorney's office said the charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of life imprisonment.

Other drug charges were filed against some of the people.

Regional Briefs

Fireball kills woman and injures husband

LIMA, Ohio (AP) - An explosion and fireball leveled a house Friday, killing a woman and injuring her husband, firefighters said.

Fire officials identified the couple as Lois and Herbert "Ben" Massman, who was in serious condition Friday night at St. Rita's Medical Center. Firefighters said the homeowners were outside when the explosion occurred. Fire officials did not know their ages.

The explosion sent a mattress 60 feet up a tree and scattered debris for blocks on the city's west side, Assistant Fire Chief Rick Robinson said.

The fireball rapidly diminished to smoldering rubble, Robinson said. Although the cause was still under investigation, he said, "it sure follows the pattern of a natural gas explosion."

The blast shattered windows and cracked ceilings of nearby houses. Witnesses told a television station that they felt the blast several blocks away.

Lima is about 70 miles southwest of Toledo.

Brother kills sibling with hammer

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) - Police were searching for a 14-year-old boy who allegedly killed his brother after striking him in the head several times with a hammer.

State police were using a helicopter Friday evening, searching yards near the boy's home in Hempfield Township.

The boy is not being identified by The Associated Press because of his age.

The boy called a friend on the phone after the alleged attack around 4 p.m., police said. The friend's mother got on the phone and then drove to the boy's home where she found Ian Bishop, 18, with severe head wounds, police said.

"The boy's mother saw what happened and she was the one who called 911," state police Lt. Robert Weaver said.

Ian Bishop was flown via helicopter to a hospital in Pittsburgh, about 26 miles away.

Bishop's parents were with him at the hospital when he died, Weaver said.

Neighbors stood in doorways as police fanned out through the usually quiet neighborhood.

Zack Rollins, a neighbor and friend of both brothers told WPXI he was shocked to hear police were searching for his friend in connection with the death of his brother.

"I didn't know of anything wrong going between him and his brother," he said.

No charges have been filed against the boy, Weaver said.

Porn theater to appeal eminent domain

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The owner of Pittsburgh's last adult movie theater will appeal a court decision granting the Urban Redevelopment Authority the right to take the property using eminent domain.

Both the URA and the Garden Theater have spent more than $500,000 in legal fees since 1997.

Peter Georgiades, an attorney for theater owner George Androtsakis, said the court ruling allowing eminent domain was based on case law established when New York City redeveloped Times Square and relocated most of the adult businesses.

Those businesses, however, were able to relocate in sections of the city where adult businesses are permitted, he said.

"In those cases, the court was very careful to point out that there were many places in the New York area where the displaced adult businesses could relocate," Georgiades said. "In our case, the Garden Theater is the last adult theater in the city. We maintain that it cannot relocate due to very restrictive zoning."

11 year-old boy drowned

APOLLO, Pa. (AP) - An 11-year-old boy drowned Saturday while fishing with friends.

Divers found Joram Hollaman, of Westmoreland County, at about 7:35 p.m. in Pine Run, a tributary of the Kiskiminetas River, after searching for about three hours.

Hollaman was fishing with his 12-year-old brother and other boys when several of them lost their footing in the stream as it ran through a railroad tunnel.

A fisherman rescued at least one boy. Allegheny Township Police Chief Timothy Solla said investigators would like to talk with the fisherman but had not been able to find him.

The boys who escaped went to nearby home to call police.

NATIONAL

Senate to wrap up less controversial energy bill

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate is moving to wrap up an energy bill, but without two proposals that sparked the greatest political fireworks and may have had the most impact.

Drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which environmentalists made a symbol of their opposition to the Bush administration's policies, and slapping automakers with tough new fuel economy requirements were found to be politically too hot to accept.

In a showdown Thursday over the future of the refuge, drilling supporters could muster only 46 of the 60 votes needed to end a Democratic filibuster and allow a vote on putting the refuge provision into a broader energy bill.

The House of Representatives already had approved drilling as part of its energy package and President George W. Bush had made it a centerpiece of his energy agenda.

"The Senate missed an opportunity to lead America to greater energy independence," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, echoing Alaska's two senators who described the refuge as a way to reduce U.S. reliance on dictators such as Iraq's Saddam Hussein for its energy.

Still, eight Republicans abandoned Bush and joined with most Democrats in rejecting drilling in ANWR, as the refuge is called. "There are other, more feasible options for ... reducing national foreign oil dependence," said Sen. Lincoln Chafee.

"Development would irreversibly damage this natural resource," argued Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman, referring to the refuge's coastal plain where thousands of caribou visit and give birth to their young each summer, joined by millions of migratory birds, muskoxen, polar bears and other wildlife.

While drilling advocates argue the oil could be developed while still protecting the wildlife, Democratic Sen. John Kerry maintained that the oil - estimated as likely between 5.7 billion and 11.6 billion barrels - still wasn't enough to make a serious dent in imports when it would start flowing south in eight to 10 years.

What would help, Kerry argued, would be a significant increase in the fuel efficiency of automobiles and sport utility vehicles, which guzzle 70 percent of the 19 million barrels of oil consumed each day in the United States.

But like the Arctic drilling, the auto fuel economy became a lightning rod in the energy debate. When Kerry pushed to boost federal fuel economy requirements by 50 percent, the auto industry and autoworkers said jobs. The proposal was killed last month on a 63-38 vote.

The Senate likely will finish its energy legislation, covering more than 580 pages, sometime next week. Among other provisions, the bill includes a compromise on renewable fuels that would triple the use of ethanol, a boon to farmers, and a phaseout of the water-fouling gas additive MTBE.

Crazed goose attacks gas station patrons

KIRKLIN, Ind. (AP) - A goose that got a warm reception after waddling to a gas station and making it his hangout for several days may have worn out his welcome.

When Dr. Brett Easton stopped for gas Friday at Kirk's Point, the fowl turned foul, going after Easton and clamping its beak on his pant leg.

"I tried to walk away, but it was dragging by my pants cuff," said Easton, who fled to his car after dislodging the bird.

About four days before the attack, the goose began flying across this town 30 miles northwest of Indianapolis and waddling onto the station's grounds for a few hours each day.

"She had never bitten anyone any other time," Sharon Jones, a cashier at the station, told The Times of Frankfort. "But today Dr. Eaton was here and she grabbed hold of his jeans and he had to grab her by the neck just so he could get into his truck. And ever since that, everyone that came in, she'd go after."

Jones traced the goose to Marion Cox, who owns 12 acres nearby with a pond that the goose frequents.

Cox said the goose, which he calls Honker, has turned on him before and left him "all black and blue."

"They're welcome to stay here. I think they are the greatest thing in the world back (at the pond)," he said. "But man, I'd like them to be a little bit easier on me."

Demonstrators protest monetary policy and war on terrorism

By GENARO C. ARMAS
AP Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Police fanned out on quiet downtown streets Saturday as thousands of demonstrators readied plans to protest monetary policy, the war on terrorism and other issues.

Scores of officers stood outside the buildings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which have been circled by waist-high metal barricades. Officers wore patrol uniforms, but many carried large black bags full of riot gear.

"What we have to do is make sure the groups don't go at each other and wind up with someone getting harmed," Police Chief Charles Ramsey said Saturday.

Demonstrators were protesting the war in Afghanistan, U.S. aid to Israel and Colombia, and third world debt and poverty. A counter demonstration in support of U.S. policies also was planned.

Under overcast skies, police cars escorted vans through the blocked-off streets around the massive glass-and-chrome World Bank headquarters.

Authorities said they have encountered few problems so far, although 40 protesting bicyclists were arrested Friday night after police said they ignored red lights and rode the wrong way down a one-way street.

"It's just unfortunate these things can't be 100 percent of a lawful nature," Ramsey said after officers led protesters away in plastic handcuffs and loaded their bicycles into patrol wagons.

The cyclists were protesting the Army's former School of the Americas, which they claim produced Latin American military leaders who went on to commit human rights abuses and join oppressive juntas.

The Army closed the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Ga., in 2000 and replaced it with the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Officials say the new school focuses less on combat training and more on drug interdiction and human rights. Protesters say it's the same old school with a new name.

Protesters also kicked off the weekend of demonstrations with a rally against U.S. policies in Latin America, visits to lawmakers and low-key events.

Several miles uptown from the World Bank and IMF, in a room rented from an upscale restaurant, some protesters spent Friday night painting signs, chatting about their bus trip to Washington and giving speeches.

Only a few hundred people were expected at demonstrations specifically targeting the World Bank and the IMF, compared with thousands organized around other protests aimed at the war on terrorism and U.S. aid to Israel.

National Briefs

Naked man attacks manager in restaurant bathroom

WILLIAMSTON, S.C. (AP) - Police say a naked 32-year-old man hid in a restaurant restroom and attacked a manager and a customer here.

Ralph Leonard Jones Jr. was charged with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct after he grabbed a female Scoops Restaurant supervisor as she turned the light on in the restroom about 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Williamston Police Chief Richard Turner said.

The woman tumbled through the restroom door and onto the floor of the restaurant and Jones ran out to the adjacent Subway restaurant, Turner said.

Jones attacked a 15-year-old customer, pulling the girl's pants down, Turner said. The girl's grandmother and other patrons in the restaurant tried to pry him away from the teen.

Police, who arrived within minutes, had to struggle with the man and spray him with mace before he was subdued.

Jones also was charged with resisting arrest, two counts of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and a lewd act upon a minor and two counts of indecent exposure, Turner said.

70 year-old man in custody for attempted bank robbery

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. (AP) - A 70-year-old man who lives at an assisted living center is in custody on suspicion of trying to rob a bank.

George Edward Chatfield of Lakewood, was arrested Saturday after being wrestled to the ground by a Foothills Bank vice president.

Chatfield walked into the bank about 10 a.m. wearing a baseball cap, leather gloves, a surgical-style mask and holding a cane and black bag, said Wheat Ridge police Cmdr. Wade Hammond.

He was wrestled to the ground when he allegedly tried to pull a gun out of the black bag.

Chatfield had been sentenced to up to 50 years in prison for a failed bank robbery attempt 25 years ago, according to his criminal record. In that attempt, court records show he and an accomplice fired shots, kidnapped a woman and fled in a stolen car.

Hammond said he has never heard of someone that age trying to rob a bank.

Sleeping man killed by pick-up truck crash in his home

COLUMBUS, Neb. (AP) - A sleeping man was killed early Saturday when a pickup crashed into his house.

The truck left a city street and crashed into the house about 1:30 a.m. CDT, killing the man, according to a Columbus Police Department report.

The driver of the truck was taken to a Columbus hospital, then an Omaha hospital in serious condition.

Police were still attempting to contact relatives Saturday night and had not released any names.

Alice in Chains front man, Layne Staley, 34, found dead

SEATTLE (AP) - A body found at the apartment of Alice in Chains lead singer Layne Staley was in fact his, the King County Medical Examiner's Office confirmed Saturday.

Tests were required to prove the identity because the body, discovered Friday, had started to decompose. The cause of death had not been determined, the medical examiner's office said.

Staley was 34.

Like Nirvana and Soundgarden, Alice in Chains was a band prominent in the early '90s Seattle heyday of grunge rock.

The group's first album, "Facelift," was released in 1990 and the band quickly rose to prominence, following with albums including "Dirt" and "Alice in Chains."

In a 1996 interview with Rolling Stone magazine, Staley spoke of how his drug use influenced his lyrics.

"I wrote about drugs, and I didn't think I was being unsafe or careless by writing about them," he told the magazine. "Here's how my thinking pattern went: When I tried drugs, they were (expletive) great, and they worked for me for years, and now they're turning against me - and now I'm walking through hell, and this sucks."

INTERNATIONAL

Bombings in the Philippines kill 14, injure 45

By PAUL ALEXANDER
AP Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Three explosions ripped through a major city in the southern Philippines on Sunday, killing at least 14 people and injuring 45 others after a radio-station caller warned of a wave of bombings.

The caller claimed to be from the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf, which has been holding an American missionary couple for nearly 11 months and is the target of a U.S.-backed military campaign as part of Washington's war on terrorism.

One bomb exploded outside a busy department store in downtown General Santos, killing at least 14 people - four of them children - in a hail of shrapnel and flying glass. Within 40 minutes, bombs went off near a radio station and a bus terminal in the largely Christian city of 800,000 in the Mindanao region, where Islamic militants have been fighting for an independent homeland.

The scene of blood, wreckage and shattered glass was reminiscent of five nearly simultaneous bombings in Manila 16 months ago that killed 22 people. An Indonesian man who has claimed he planned those blasts pleaded guilty Thursday in General Santos to explosives possession after leading police to a buried cache of more than a ton of TNT, detonating cords and M-16 rifles.

Police said it was too early to accuse any specific group of carrying out Sunday's bombings, blaming only "terrorists."

But a Radio Mindanao Network office in nearby Koronadal said it received a call an hour before the first blast from a man who earlier called to complain about police boasts that the city was safe from terrorists. The man asked whether the station wanted to cover bombings later in the day.

A separate warning circulated via cellphone text message - a chief method of communications in the Philippines - said 18 bombs had been planted around the city and would start exploding after lunch.

Police said they received an anonymous call with the same claim, but did not say what measures they took. Bomb threats are common in the Philippines.

Radio station manager Elmer Ubaldo said he decided not to air the warning because he did not want to cause panic. The caller identified himself as Abu Muslim al-Ghazie and said he represented al Harakatul al-Islamiyah, the formal name used by Abu Sayyaf. Other spokesmen for the group said they had no knowledge of Abu Sayyaf involvement.

The Abu Sayyaf, believed to have ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, and the fundamentalist Moro Islamic Liberation Front have been blamed for setting off bombs in General Santos in the past.

The city is about 130 miles from Basilan island, where the Abu Sayyaf has been holding Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, Kan., and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap for nearly 11 months. About 160 U.S. Special Forces troops are on the island on a six-month counterterrorism training mission aimed at helping the Philippine military crush the guerrillas, who have beheaded an American and other hostages.

The first bomb exploded in a three-wheel motorcycle taxi parked in front of the two-story Gensan Fitmart department store in the business district of General Santos, about 620 miles southeast of Manila. Most of the casualties appeared to be taxi drivers, shoppers and bystanders.

The second went off 34 minutes later near a radio station, apparently causing no injuries, followed several minutes later by the bus terminal blast, which wounded several people, the city's disaster operations center said.

Bartolome Baluyot, police chief for central Mindanao, said two unexploded bombs were discovered under a truck parked in front of the store. Most businesses closed and checkpoints were set up on major roads as part of a security clampdown amid fears of further explosions.

The blasts came three days after the State Department renewed a warning urging Americans to exercise caution in the Philippines. In March, several bombs without triggering devices were discovered in Manila, and the rebel group that claimed responsibility has threatened to plant more bombs. The statement also noted that the Abu Sayyaf has kidnapped Americans and may do so again.

High Court rejects bid to stop selling anti-abortion pill

By ED JOHNSON
AP Writer

LONDON (AP) - The High Court on Thursday rejected a bid by an anti-abortion group to stop pharmacies from selling the morning-after pill without a doctor's prescription.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children had challenged government legislation which allowed pharmacists to dispense the emergency contraception over the counter.

The society argued that the pill effectively caused an abortion, and could only be administered in line with safeguards under the Abortion Act. It said that allowing pharmacists to sell the pill amounted to "procuring a miscarriage," which is a criminal offense.

The pill can prevent ovulation or fertilization when taken within 72 hours of sexual intercourse.

Judge James Munby ruled the society's legal argument was "erroneous." He said individual choice partly informed his decision.

He said it would be "grievously wrong" for a judge "to hold that what thousands, hundreds of thousands, indeed millions of ordinary, honest, law abiding citizens" have done regularly for years is a criminal offense.

The government welcomed the ruling and said it was vital that women had ready access to a wide range of contraception, including emergency provisions.

"Women have the right to make their own decisions about contraception," said Public Health Minister Yvette Cooper.

The Family Planning Association said common sense had prevailed.

"This judicial review was a vexatious attack on women's reproductive rights and a dreadful waste of public and private time and money," chief executive Anne Weyman said.

The society condemned the ruling, and said the judge's reasoning was flawed.

"It is a sorry day for justice when the courts fail to protect unborn life at its most vulnerable," said general secretary Paul Tully, indicating the society would appeal the ruling.

International Briefs

Man throws grenade at marriage ceremony

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) - An unidentified man Sunday hurled a hand grenade at a marriage ceremony in a small northern village, killing three people, including two children, and wounding 60 others, police said.

Guests were tossing the groom in the air in line with a tribal custom when the Russian-made grenade exploded inside the mud and brick house in Mera Kachori village, located 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Peshawar, the capital of Northwestern province, they said. The house belonged to Afghani Gul, the bride's father.

Among the dead were boys aged 10 and 11, police said.

No one took responsibility for the attack immediately, and police said they had no suspects.

Several of the wounded were in critical condition at a state-run hospital of Peshawar.

Pakistan's lawless tribal areas, close to the border with Afghanistan, are awash with light and heavy weapons. Often people use grenades and rocket launchers to settle personal grudges. Sometimes bombs stored in houses accidentally explode.

Mobs torch brothels

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Mobs armed with sticks and gasoline bombs torched hotels and vandalized suspected brothels in a popular mountain resort town close to Jakarta, police and local media said Sunday.

The riots late Saturday in Puncak, about 60 kilometers (37 miles) south of Jakarta, were apparently sparked by local anger at prostitution in the area, state news agency Antara reported.

Two hotels and several houses were set on fire, Antara added. The mob also threw stones at a local police station, it said. No injuries were reported.

Police in Puncak said they had arrested 41 people over the rioting, but declined to give any more details.

Prostitution is illegal in Indonesia, the world's most populous Islamic nation. Authorities, however, often turn a blind eye to the practice.

Rubber tapper killed by tiger; tiger at large

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Police in northeastern Malaysia were searching Sunday for a tiger that is believed to have fatally mauled an elderly rubber tapper.

Mohd Nor Deraman, 67, was found dead by villagers in a rubber plantation in Kelantan state, nearly 500 kilometers (300 miles) northeast of Kuala Lumpur, the national news agency Bernama reported.

Mohd Nor, who disappeared before dawn Sunday, was believed to have been attacked by a tiger since scratch marks were found his body, Bernama cited local police as saying.

Tigers are protected animals under Malaysian law, but wildlife rangers shoot man-eaters. Development and the spread of rubber and oil palm plantations have encroached on tigers' habitats, forcing them out of their natural homes.

Thousands rally to support Israeli defense

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Draped in Star of David flags and clutching photographs of suicide bombing victims, thousands of Israeli supporters rallied in downtown Sydney on Sunday.

Jewish leaders told demonstrators gathered in an inner city park opposite the Israeli consulate that Israel had the right to defend itself against a Palestinian terror campaign.

"They are seeking, openly and obviously, the demise of Israel as a Jewish state," said Stephen Rothman, a senior leader of the New South Wales state Jewish community. "We have the right to defend ourselves, we have the right to dismantle the infrastructure of terror, and we have the right to arrest terrorists."

Without directly citing Israel's attack on a refugee camp in Jenin, Israel's Consul-General in Sydney Effie Ben Matityahu suggested Palestinians were indirectly to blame for the deaths that occurred there.

"The very existence of the armed militia and terror organizations in the heart of a Palestinian controlled city or refugee camp is a formula for disaster and war," Matityahu said.

The scale of the death and destruction in the Jenin refugee camp is a subject of bitter dispute. Israel says dozens of Palestinians were killed, most of them militants. Palestinian officials have estimated the death toll in the hundreds.

So far 43 bodies have been recovered. The U.N. Security Council voted Friday night to send a fact-finding team to Jenin.

The SCRAWL is coming! The SCRAWL is coming!

WHEN: Friday, May 3rd, 8 p.m.

WHERE: THE DOWN UNDER

All students and faculty are invited to celebrate the upcoming SCRAWL with a night of creativity.
There will be student and faculty poetry/fiction reading, music and dance.
Beth Brooks and her committee will be providing delicious food and will be selling the Westminster College Sesquicentennial cookbooks.

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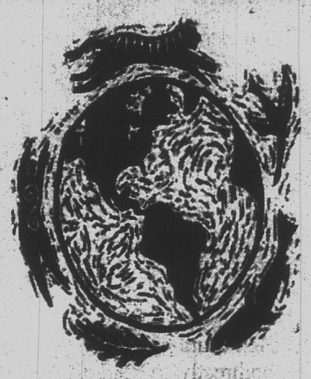

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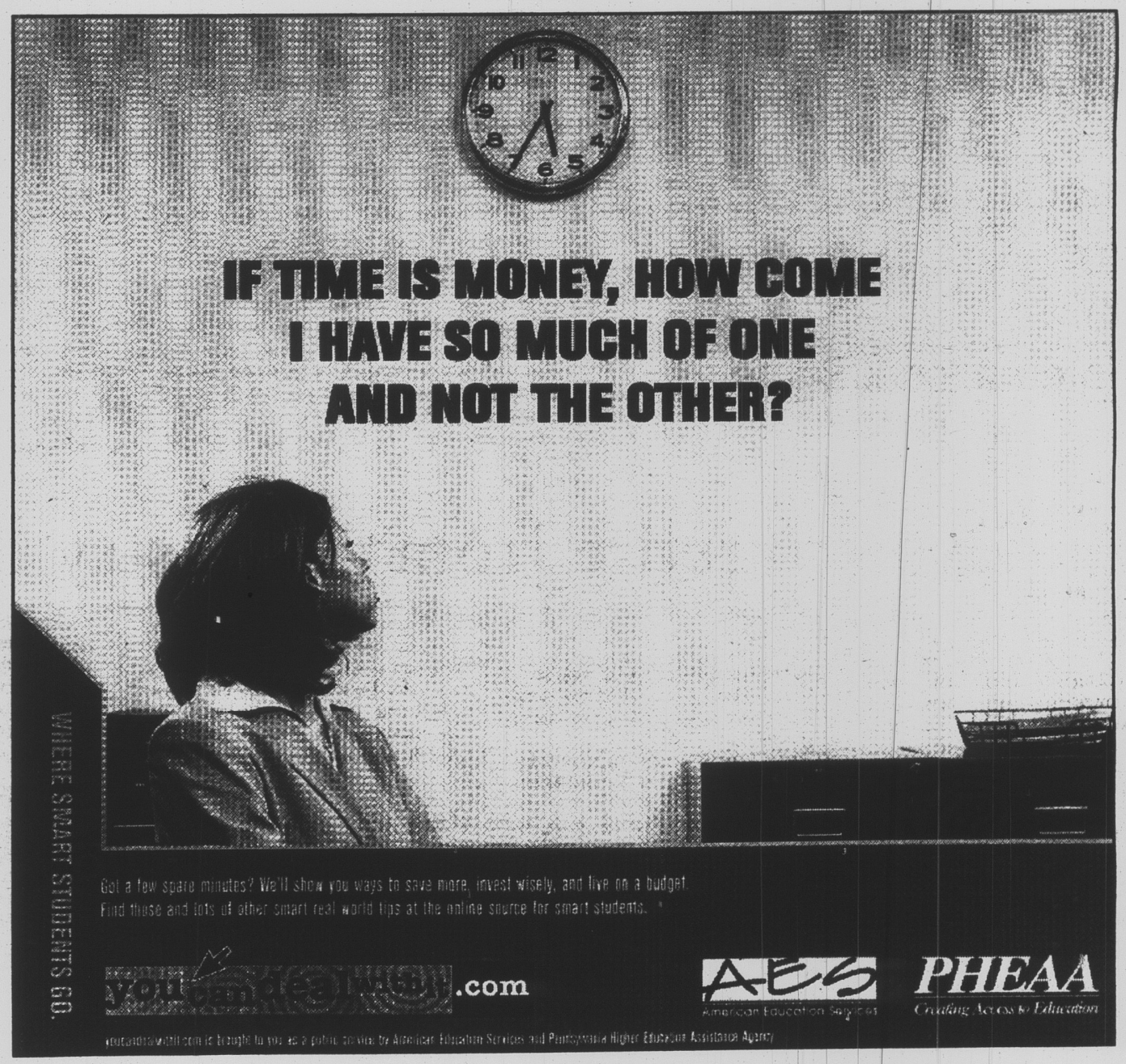


SAYING GOOD-BYE

Dr. Compher to retire from biology department

By Kara Stivason
Staff Writer

Dr. Marvin Keen Compher, Jr., professor of biology and pre-med adviser, will be retiring in his 34th year of teaching. Dr. Compher taught at the College of Wooster from 1968-72, Chatham College, '72-93, and Westminster '93-present. Along with teaching, he has been involved in research with developmental biology, endocrinology, cancer and immunology.

"For me, I have the best occupation. I really love my work. I love biology, the students, and I enjoy being at WC," Compher said. Although he said he enjoys his job, he would like to try some things he cannot do while teaching. He also wants to try things while he is still in shape.

Some of the things he has planned are going to Germany to take classes, taking some ceramic courses and spending quality time with his wife. He also plans on working part time as a research associate at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh.

Compher has some favorite memories from his nine years with the college. "I enjoyed taking the students to Ecuador and Florida, interaction with faculty across disciplines, and being the adviser to Allies."

Students will miss their professor. "Dr. Compher is very passionate about his work," senior biology major Corry Yeuroukis said.

During his 34 years of teaching, Compher has worked with 70 senior research projects. He has worked closely with his students. "The students helped me learn new things. It helped with my professional growth as a professor."

He worked hand in hand with Allies, in bringing Judy Shepard to campus this year. "He is incredibly smart, bitter, witty and flighty all at the same time," said Richard Leigh, junior music education major and member of Allies.

Dr. Compher gives advice to all before he leaves, "Think about the word education, and the Latin meaning 'to lead away from.' Bracket your previous thoughts, and be open to learning. Travel or study abroad to expose yourself to new ideas and other cultures."

Contributed Photo
Dr. Marvin Keen Compher

Dr. Cummins to retire from Spanish department

Photo by Kristin Park
Dr. James Cummins

By Erin Chittock
Staff Writer

"I would describe him with one word, 'Caballero,' which translates roughly to 'gentleman,'" said Dr. Milagros Swerdlow, chair of the Spanish department. "He has a great tranquility, sense of humor and a kind of harmony that I admire very much."

The man of whom she speaks of is Dr. James Cummins, Spanish professor.

Cummins will retire after completing his 39th year with the college this spring. "I'm at the point where I am ready. I want to try new things," Cummins said. "I would like to do things around the house and work in the yard trimming my trees."

While these activities provide Cummins with leisure and enjoyment, he plans on pursuing excitement as well. "I would love to travel to Germany. I was there 40 years ago when I was in the army. I think it would be interesting to revisit the places I have been before."

While Cummins may be prepared for retirement, faculty, staff and students said that he will be greatly missed. Swerdlow has known Cummins for 11 years.

"My experience working with Dr. Cummins, as both his student and as a member of the Modern Languages Department, has been very rewarding," Swerdlow said. "I will miss seeing his open door across the hallway."

Dr. Jesse Mann, French professor, has worked with Cummins since 1984. Mann said he has enjoyed Cummins' wonderful sense of humor. Mann also said that Cummins is a joy to work with and that he is genuinely concerned with his students. "Jim's teaching style exudes a love for his subject matter," Mann said. "I have tried to emulate that."

"Dr. Cummins made class enjoyable," said sophomore Todd Fleckenstein. "His teaching style is easy to follow, and he makes class worthwhile."

Cummins has been actively involved on campus during his 39 years. "I have especially enjoyed the students, co-workers and the numbers and types of programs on campus," he said.

He has headed several programs, such Sigma Delta Pi, the local chapter of the National Spanish Honorary, and Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

"Dr. Cummins impresses me with his enthusiasm," sophomore Kelly Evanoski said. "He has not only been an asset to the foreign language department, but also to the entire campus community."

Dr. Long to retire from chemistry department

By Ian Brown
Staff Writer

After 40 years of teaching, Dr. Kenneth Long is retiring from the chemistry department.

He came to Westminster after teaching a year at Ohio State where he often had 200 students in a class.

"I like the small college where you can get to know the student," Long said.

During the fall semester, Long teaches a course about the geology of Hawaii, and over Christmas Break the class travels to Hawaii. "I enjoy the opportunity to work somewhere other than a classroom," Long said.

"I'm definitely going to miss the interaction with all of the students. However, I won't miss all the paperwork and I definitely won't miss reading lab reports at all."

Long's wife recently retired, and since then he has been considering it.

"Forty years just seemed like the right time," he said.

He will still teach one ecology class next spring.

In the meantime, he's happy to have extra time to read, work in his garden, hike and take photographs. He did say that he regretted not being able to see the science majors who are sophomores and juniors through their four years of school.

"I've really enjoyed working with everyone at Westminster, students and colleagues, and I'm going to miss them," Long said. "Working here has been a very rewarding experience."

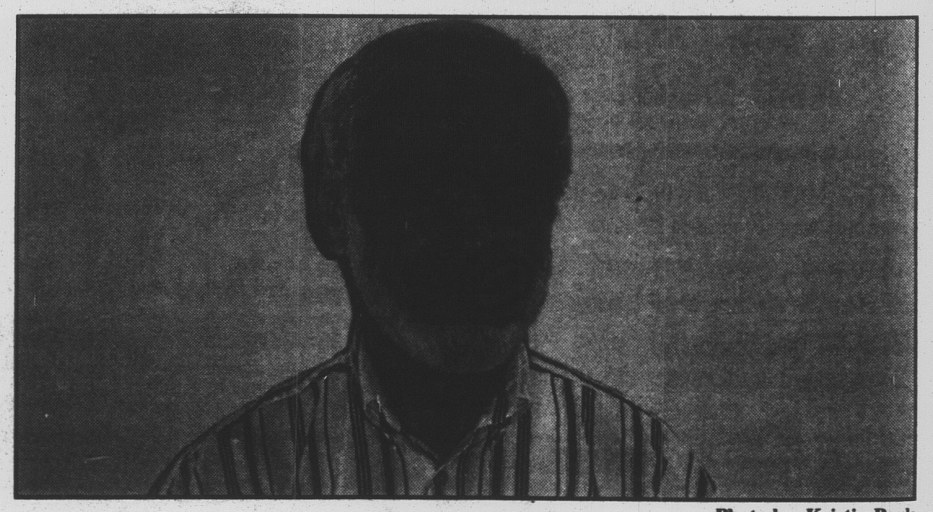


Photo by Kristin Park
Dr. Kenneth Long

Dr. Horn to retire after 36th year with English dept.

By Christy Steidel
Staff Writer

After completing his 36th year of teaching, Dr. Frederick Horn will retire at the end of the semester.

Horn, an English professor, teaches Inquiry I in Liberal Studies and the following English courses: first year seminar, African American literature, the Western novel and film, feminism, reader-response theory, playwriting and senior seminars.

The English program has undergone a lot of changes and improvements thanks to devoted professors such as Horn, who have worked hard at creating the best possible set of courses for the major. "I feel privileged to be involved in the design of the current English major," Horn said.

Horn dedicated part of his career to planning other aspects of the school's curriculum as well. "My work on the Liberal Studies curriculum as chair of the Curriculum Development Committee was a big accomplishment," he said.

One of the things Horn will miss the most after retirement is the friendly atmosphere of the college. "People like one another and are supportive of one another. Westminster is an informal place where I'm called by my first name by other faculty or people on staff," Horn said. "I've also enjoyed some lasting friendships with students after they graduate."

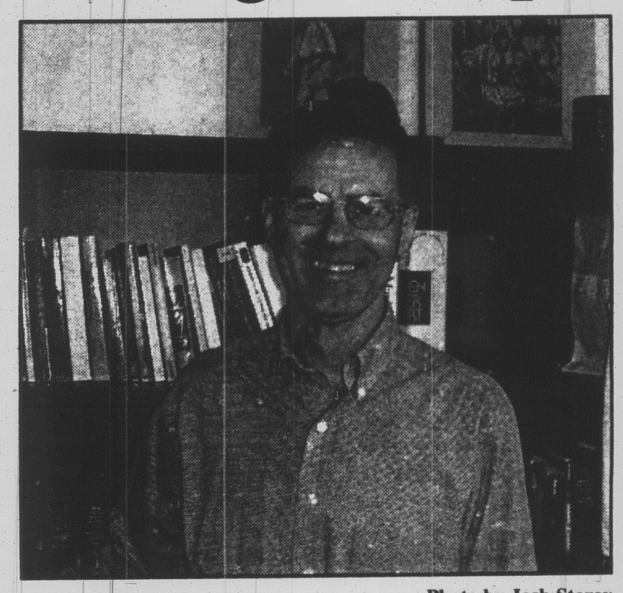
When asked what Horn disliked about the college environment, he mentioned the town of New Wilmington. "When we first arrived in New Wilmington, it took us a while to adjust to the more conservative religious, political and social views and customs of Western Pennsylvania," Horn said. "I resented the town's assumption that people in the college would accept the ways of the town. Though New Wilmington is now my 'home town' because it is home for my children, I still don't think of myself as being 'of the town.'"

Though Horn is retiring, he still plans to stay involved with the school, while fulfilling his own personal goals. "I will be Faculty Development Officer and Director of Off-Campus Study for two years after retirement from the professoriate," Horn said.

"After that, I want to spend much time enjoying my grandchildren, traveling and reading, reading, reading," he added. After all, his favorite saying is, "Too little time, too many books."

Horn also wants to spend time living in New England and in a Spanish-speaking country.

Horn lives with his wife, Gretchen, two blocks from the college on Waugh Avenue in New Wilmington. Horn has three sons who graduated from the college. Two graduated as English majors and one as an art major. He also has a daughter-in-law who graduated as an English major.



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Dr. Frederick "Fritz" Horn

Coach Galbreath retiring; to coach at Geneva College

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Coach Ron Galbreath

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

On Tuesday, March 26, cross-country coach Ron Galbreath announced his departure from the college after more than 30 years as a student, athlete, coach and professor.

Galbreath began his Westminster career as a student and star basketball player in 1958. During the next four years, he earned NAIA All-American honors twice and racked up 1,586 points, ranking him number three on the all-time Titan leader board.

He returned to his alma mater after five years at Clarion University, where he coached the Golden Eagles to a 75-41 record.

Over the next 30 years, Coach G. led the Titan program through 25 seasons (1968-69, 74-98) compiling a record of 448-206, a winning percentage of 68.5, the highest in NAIA history.

Along the way, he managed to accumulate six district/conference Coach of the Year honors and a spot in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

At the helm of the men's cross-country program, Galbreath became the longest tenured coach in a single sport, serving 27 years (1974-2001), amassing a career record of 272-255, a winning percentage of .516.

As for the future, Galbreath will be returning to basketball at Geneva College, where he has accepted a head coaching position for the women's varsity program.

Though his absence will be felt by the campus community at large, those most heavily affected will be the athletes he has recruited and coached.

In the words of junior runner Dan Beckwith, "To see one person have such a big impact on so many people, as coach Galbreath has done, his retirement will obviously be a major factor next season. We will all miss his knowledge, compassion and love of the sport."

Galbreath left an impression on every athlete he encountered. "I could always approach Coach G about any issue that I needed to talk about, he has always been understanding and very supportive of myself and my teammates," senior runner Andrew Chipusio said. "If I ever receive the opportunity to coach someday, I wish to model myself after Coach Galbreath, he has been a great role model for me and I know he will bring the same attitude to his new coaching position."

Upon hearing the news of Galbreath's retirement, senior cross-country captain and standout runner, Jacob Gleason said, "It is a sad day for Westminster College, to lose such a great coach and an outstanding faulty member. Coach Galbreath bleeds blue and white."

Dr. Horvath leaving for Slippery Rock University

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

Cary Horvath, assistant professor of communication studies, will be leaving the college following this academic year after six years of service. She has accepted a position at Slippery Rock University.

"I'll miss the people most, my friends and students," Horvath said. "So many people who work on this campus have become my dear friends."

The campus community will miss her as well. Along with teaching several communication courses, Horvath was involved in a large number of campus organizations. She is chair of the Outcomes Assessment Advisory Council and Institutional Research Review Committee. She is also a member of the Faculty Development Committee, faculty adviser for Lambda Pi Eta, a communications honorary, and Sigma Kappa, a social sorority.

In the past, she has served on the Committee of Academic Standards and the Curriculum Operations Committee. She has also organized Diversity Symposium events.

"There are so many activities that have been both enjoyable and meaningful," Horvath said. "Taking my seniors to a conference in Maine last year was the most memorable event I've organized—I loved it for many reasons," she added.

"I've also had a great time working with Jackie Meade and the Career Center staff on events like Senior Saturday and the Etiquette Dinner," Horvath said. "Brad Weaver and I had a hoot with the egg drop event at the Science Olympiad, and Phyllis Kitzerow and I had fun taking our cluster courses to Titan Traverse. Getting to know people in the WC Wednesday Night golfers group and the Westminster Open was also tons of fun," she said.

"She'll be missed by the college students and faculty," senior Mindy Falk said. "You can tell just by being around her that she's very intelligent. She treats her students with respect, and we notice that. I've heard a lot of people say a lot of nice things about her."

Among Horvath's fond memories is one about an in-class spill. "I (and my students) won't forget when I wiped out down the steps in TC 314," she said. "Just suddenly disappeared from sight – a classic."

She said of her new job, "I'm excited, scared, sad, hopeful—everything at once."

She added, of her years at the college, "I found friends I would have never known otherwise. Even committee work has been fun when the group works well together, and that happens all the time. I don't think students realize how much they're truly loved by faculty."

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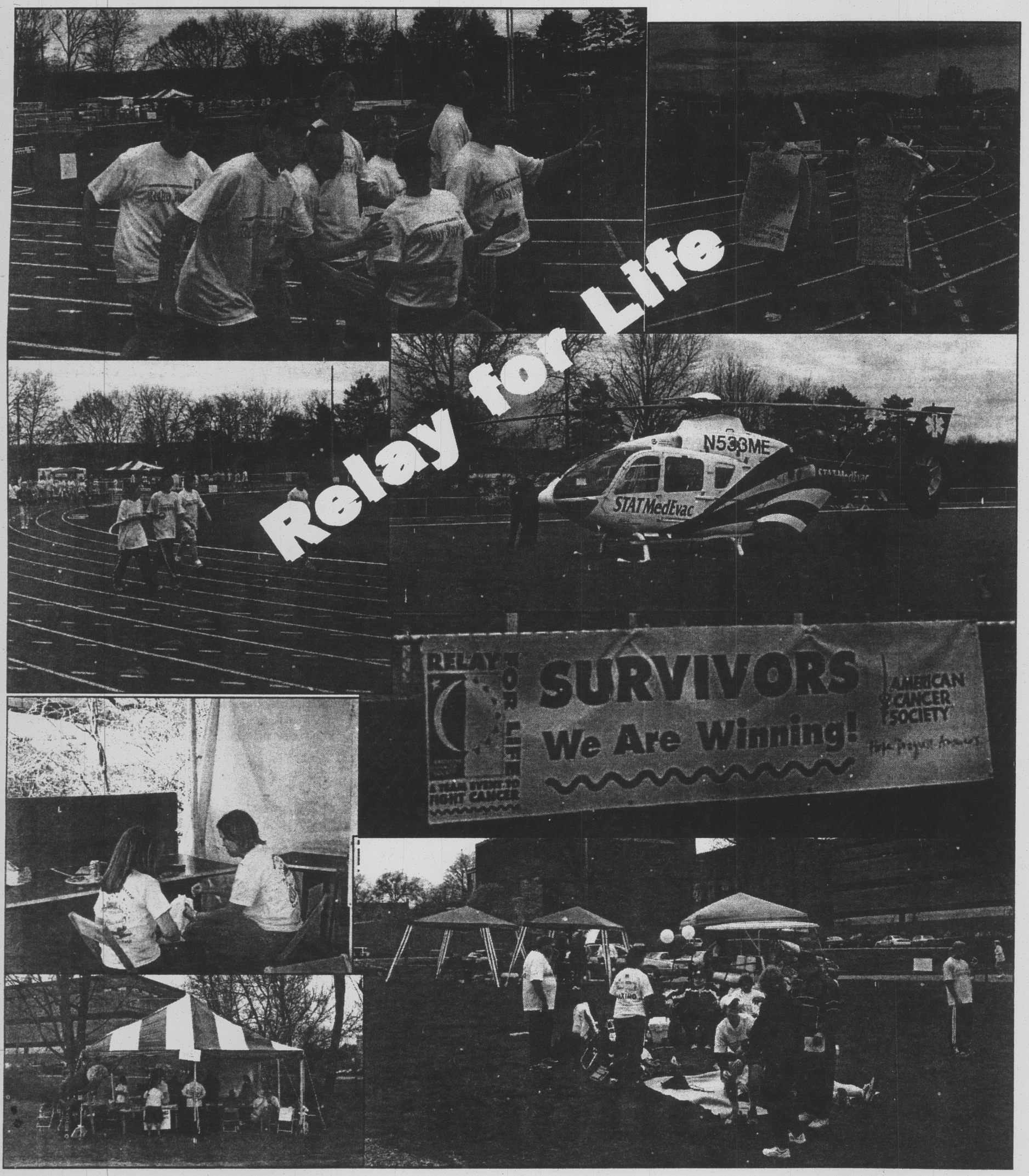
Dr. Cary Horvath

The weekend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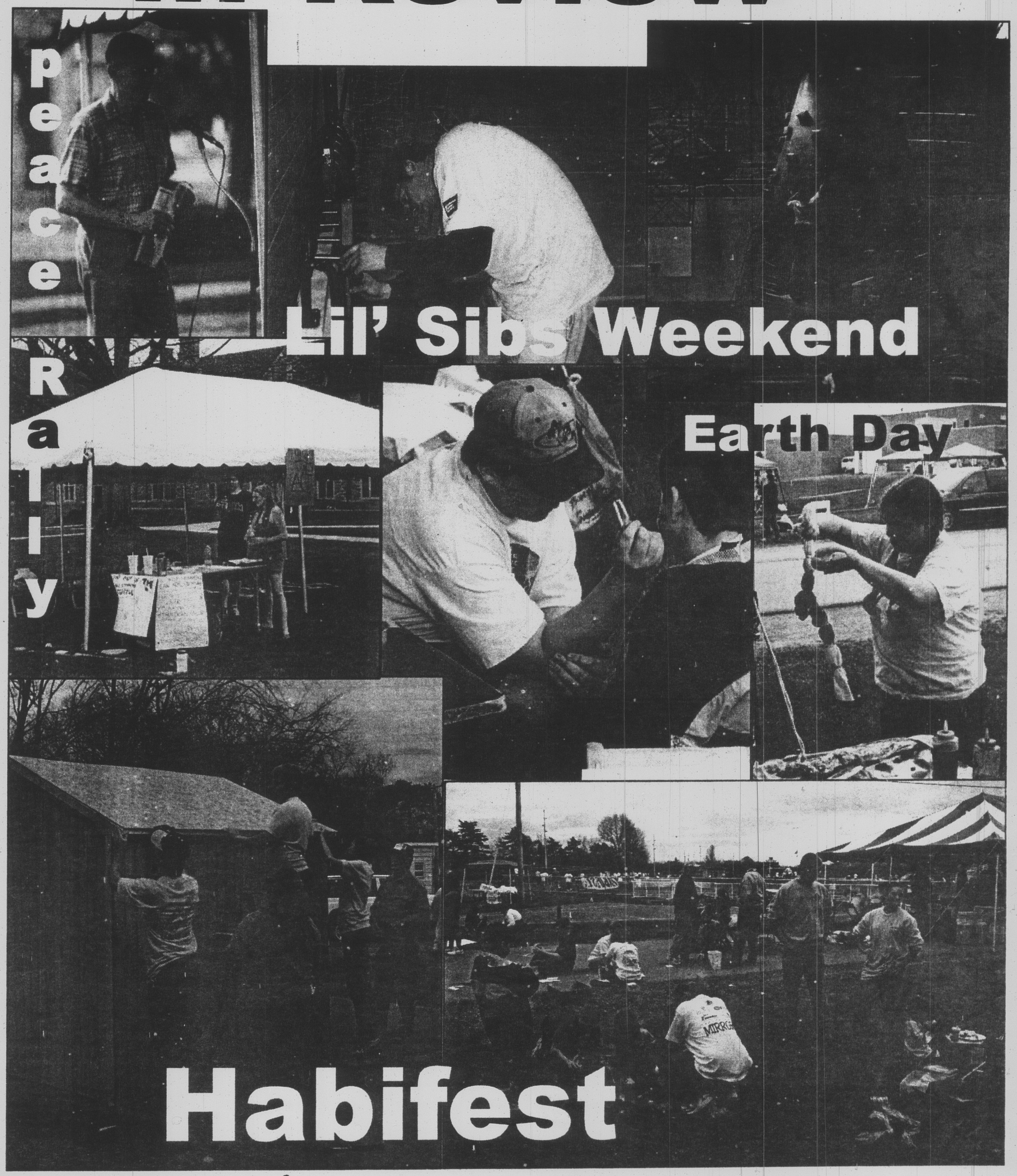


SPORTS

Titan baseball improves record to 19-6

By Bobby Fisher
Staff Writer

The Titan baseball team now has the third highest win total in Westminster College history thanks to two at home wins over Medaille. This improves the team's record to 19-6 on the season.

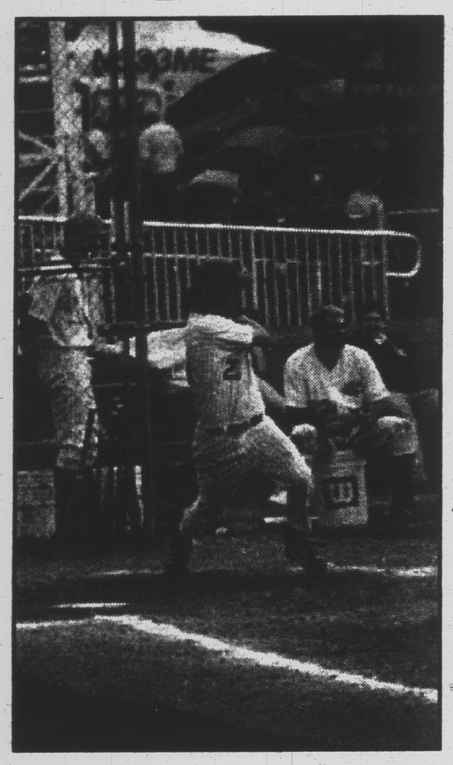
The only teams in Westminster history to surpass the total are the 1982 team, with 27 wins, and the 1995 team, with 20 wins. As if that wasn't enough, the diamond men are now sporting a nine-game winning streak.

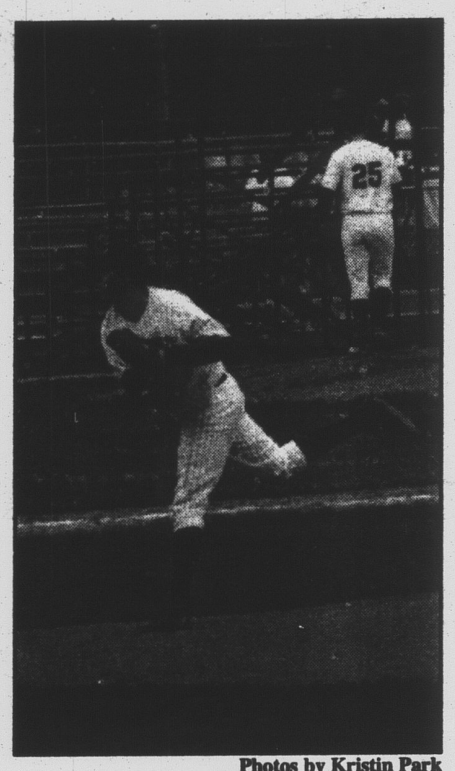
Game one against Medaille saw the Titans snag four runs in the first inning, only to add three later to capture the 7-0 win. The Westminster sophomore tri fecta of Nate Statzer, Ben Yeckel and Niels Jorgensen cleaned up at the plate. Statzer went 2-4 with two singles and two stolen bases. Yeckel and Jorgensen each batted 2 for 3 in the contest.

Pitchers sophomore Pat Boyle and freshman Mike Mackin hurled a combined one-hitter for Westminster. Boyle threw four no-hit innings, struck out seven and walked two. Mackin gave up just one hit.

The Titans took a 2-0 lead early in game two and added nine to hold on to the 11-0 win. Junior Matt Pournaras took the Titan mound and pitched six scoreless innings, striking out six and giving up just three hits. Freshman Brian Hilbert took over in the final inning and struck out all three batters he faced.

Statzer and Yeckel led from the plate once again. Statzer went 2 for 3, racking up a single, double, three stolen bases and an RBI. Yeckel also went 2 for 3 with a single, triple and one run.





Photos by Kristin Park

The Titans return to action tomorrow at home for the PAC tournament.

The guys take to the home field Saturday to play in the PAC Tournament.

Softball on five-game winning streak

By Bobby Fisher
Staff Writer

Chalk up five straight wins for Lady Titan softball. The women improved their record to 16-10 overall and 8-2 against PAC teams Wednesday with two away wins over PAC rival Washington and Jefferson.

Junior pitcher Darcy Sutton improved her record to 15-9 after winning game one. Sutton racked up her second one-hitter and number six shutout this season with no walks and four strikeouts.

The women did just as well at the plate. Senior outfielder Kristie Perrotte went 3 for 4 at the plate with a pair of runs and an RBI. Juniors Laura Raible and Amy Putas batted 2 for 3 apiece with two RBI. Junior Emily Henry contributed two safeties to the 10-0 win.

Sutton dominated once again in game two, improving to 16-9 with no walks and four strikeouts. She also went 2 for 3 at the plate with a pair of RBI. Sophomore Julie Zappa also helped out with 2 hits. The Titans ended up on top, 3-1.

The W&J doubleheader closed the 2002 regular season for the Lady Titans. They're still trying to reschedule games that were postponed due to weather earlier in the season. In addition, the program has applied for a spot in the ECAC Division II playoffs, scheduled for the weekend of May 10-11.

Track team competes at Slippery Rock

By Brian Wilson
Staff Writer

The track and field teams competed at the Slippery Rock Invitational last weekend.

Though no team score was kept, several Titans distinguished themselves individually.

On the men's side, senior Jacob Gleason set the pace by winning both the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs in times of 15:29.9 and 32:14.7 respectively. Gleason's 5,000 was less than 13 seconds from quarter-century-old school record of 15:16, set in 1977.

Sophomore Matt Steve took the 200 meter dash in a scorching :21.91, while freshman Jim Chaney won the discus with a heave of 145'0."

For the women, senior Ashley Pyle led the way with a fifth in the 100 meter dash (:12.68) and a sixth-place finish in the 200 (:26.17).

Both teams will travel to Washington, Pa. this weekend for the Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship, hosted by rival Washington and Jefferson College.

Though the team will not count in the actual scoring, as Westminster is still in the probationary transition period, the Titan harriers are anxious for future dominance in the conference. "They're going to put us in slow heats and outside lanes just like last year, so we're going to have to go out for pride and show them the future," Gleason said.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Sports Editor

As my senior year comes to a close, I have taken the opportunity to reflect on my academic and athletic career at Westminster. I have experienced ups and downs, but I feel grateful that I have spent the last four years as a Titan.

As a member of the volleyball team, I have learned lessons about life, such as the value of dedication and perseverance. I have also been a member of other organizations, including the Holcad, the Student-Athletic Advisory Council and SGA. While these may seem prestigious, one of the most important groups that I am proud to be a member of is Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

For those who are unaware of FCA, it is a group of Christian college athletes, recreational athletes, or just sports-lovers, who gather on Monday nights at 9 p.m. in the Down Under. At a typical meeting, the group converses while watching a sporting event on the big screen.

After everyone has arrived, we gather and a speaker (either a student, a coach or someone who has been brought in from another area) talks about his or her relationship with God and how a sport or activity has strengthened this relationship. Some speech topics from this year are team contracts, integrity, training, routines, priorities, blessings and goals.

At the end, someone leads in prayer and the group is dismissed. Although this is the scheduled end of the meeting, people usually stay and discuss relevant topics or chat with friends.

This group has been inspirational to me in many ways. Not only is it a way to worship God, but it incorporates religion and Christianity into situations that college students, especially athletes, can relate to. Because many of the speakers are fellow student-athletes, I have been able to compare my own life to the talks and have gained a great deal from their lessons.

The atmosphere is laid back and relaxed. No one ever puts pressure on you to share your own story or to speak, but it is definitely encouraged. My roommate and I had the chance to speak at a meeting and it was a great chance for us to reflect on our walk with God and how athletics have played a part in our Christianity.

My only wish for FCA is that more people would realize the benefits and the value of this organization. Two more meetings will be held before the end of the year.

Next week, Chuck Hart, a senior football player, will share his amazing story. This would be a great way to introduce yourself to this group and learn an inspiring lesson. The following week is the final FCA meeting of the year and will be an end-of-the-year party with food and socialization. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For the next two Mondays and the following years, consider attending an FCA meeting. For me, it has been a great way to meet other athletes and spend an hour or two out of my week in the presence of people with whom I have a lot in common. I have heard inspiring stories and have learned many different ways to worship. It has been a wonderful experience and I hope that many others will choose to spend their Monday nights at FCA.

Men's tennis team wraps up season

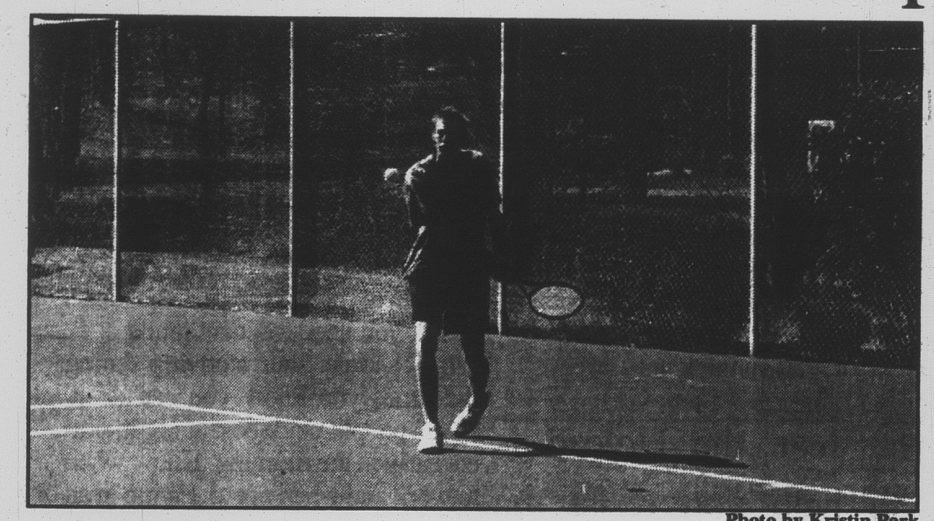


Photo by Kristin Park

The Titan tennis team finished the season at 10-6 overall.

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – The men's tennis team closed the 2002 regular season at 10-6 overall in New Wilmington, as the Titans dropped a 7-2 non-conference decision to visiting Mount Union College. With 10 wins, the Titan men's tennis team posted the most wins in a season for the program since the 1985 Titan tennis team went 11-4.

Senior Chuck Correll was the lone singles winner for Westminster against the Purple Raiders, capturing #1 singles when his opponent, down 6-2, 1-0, retired. Also victorious for the Titans was the #2 doubles team of freshmen Mark Gross and Corey Sacca.

Men's golf captures invitational title

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – The men's golf team captured its second invitational title of the 2002 spring season Monday, April 22 in Grove City, Pa., as the Titan linksters captured the five-team Grove City College Invitational at Grove City Country Club. Westminster fired a four-man total of 308 to top La Roche (322), the host Wolverines (337), Penn State-Behrend (340) and Thiel (414). The Titans also captured the Washington & Jefferson Invitational team title of April 8.

Leading the way for Westminster was senior Jim McGovern, who earned individual medalist honors by firing a 72. He was followed closely by junior Drew Aufderheide, who finished second overall with a score of 74. Other Titan finishers included freshman Scott Voelker with 80, junior Dave Blazek with 82 and sophomore Kevin McCreary with 86.

The men's golf team concluded the regular season this Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, as the Titans competed at the Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships, hosted by Bethany College at Speidel Golf Club in Wheeling, W.Va.

New head coaches chosen for next year

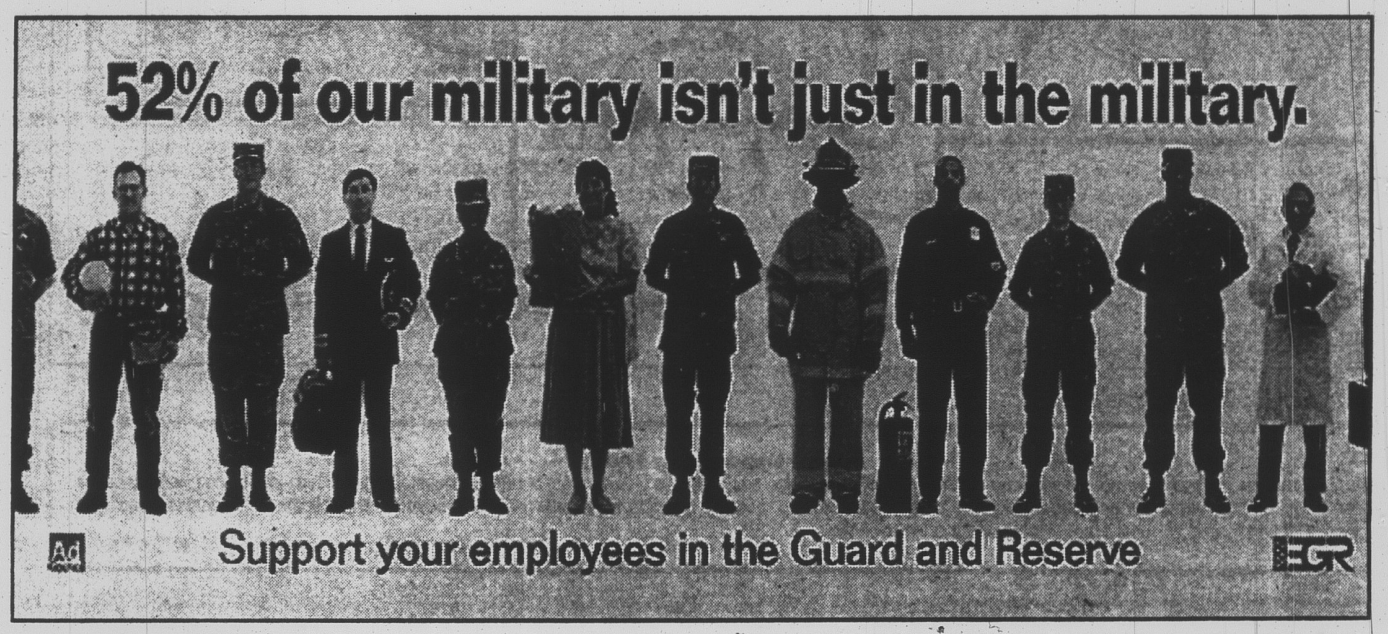
NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – Director of Athletics Jim Dafler has announced the coaching staff changes in the athletic department for the 2002-03 academic year. The changes will result in new head coaches for the women's basketball and men's cross country programs, as well as the addition of a new full-time coach yet to be hired.

Current assistant women's basketball coach Rosanne Scott will be promoted to head coach next session, replacing Jan Reddinger, who is stepping down as head coach. Reddinger will remain on staff as head softball coach while also serving as an assistant coach for another sport to be determined. Reddinger has coached the Lady Titan basketball program the past five seasons, compiling an overall record of 44-84.

Scott, a 2000 graduate of Bethany College, has served as an assistant for the Lady Titan basketball program the past two seasons. The women's basketball team has posted a combined record of 30-20 over the past two years, including an 18-2 mark against teams from the Presidents' Athletic Conference. Scott was a standout player at Bethany, where she was a four-time All-PAC First Team selection and was twice named PAC Player of the Year. She will continue to serve as assistant women's track and field coach.

With the promotion of Scott, the college plans to hire a full-time coach to serve as an assistant in women's basketball, while also coaching a second sport to be determined.

Current head women's cross country coach Dr. Gary Lilly will also coach the Titan men's cross country team beginning next season. He replaces Dr. Ron Galbreath, who recently retired from the college after serving as men's cross country coach since 1974. Lilly has led the Lady Titan cross country program for the past 13 seasons. A 1969 Westminster graduate, he is employed full-time at the college as associate professor and chair of the political science and sociology department. Lilly will give up his current duties as track assistant track and field coach next season.



This Week in Sports

Saturday, 4/27/02
TF at PAC Championships - 11 a.m.
BB-PAC TOURNAMENT (2) - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 4/28/02
BB VS. KENYON (2) - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/30/02
BB at Slippery Rock - 6 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent
Home events in Bold CAPS

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Seriously, are there any tents for sale? All the rooms are taken."

"Relay for Life is an awesome event. Way to go."

"The Greek Week T-shirts are entirely inappropriate. My grandad died on Iwo Jima and he wasn't a beer-guzzling conformist."

"Who makes the TUB workers wear heavy jean shirts when it is hot out? They don't even have a fan back there."

"Did anyone else hear the 'Simpsons' theme song come from the bell tower the other night?"

"Don't you just love how messy people are in the dorms? Have some respect for others."

"If the people who offer complaints could also offer suggestions, maybe something would get improved."

"What was up with Sunday's power outages? I was trying to shower."

"No more apples in the vending machine please."

"Campus security is on a power trip. Where is my $100 for towing my car?"

"Why do people have to walk so fast to class? One kid almost knocked me over."

"I've decided to take Cartman's mom with me when I go."

"Insert pudding here."

"Having class in the amphitheatre rocks my socks."

"Way to go art seniors. The display looks awesome."

"I loathe Greek Week."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the Westminster community. The Holcad does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Stopping procrastination

Finals are approaching fast and with them come congested computer labs, coffee shortages and massive amounts of stress. Every professor wants you to treat his or her class like it is your only one, and they all expect a paper in the double digits with a 20 minute presentation delivered verbatim accompanied by a multimedia extravaganza. When do we decide to put these final, grade-determining projects together? The night before, when else?

Procrastination runs rampant across the campus, and who could blame us? The sun has finally come back from its four-month hiatus, and things like Greek Week, Feast 'n Fire, and Volley Rock are right there to tempt us away from the libraries/labs/computers. But what are we to do with so many excuses to procrastinate? Never fear, the Holcad is here to help you resist the siren's call of laziness with five ways to get down, get busy and get to work:

1. Turn the TV off. You've seen all those shows before anyway. How many times can you watch Jerry Springer reruns? Seriously. If you need sound, turn on the radio or peruse your MP3 list.

2. Avoid the library at all costs. Everyone goes to the library and the chances of you running into friends who must tell you about their weekends are high. Then all those people are doing group work for class projects. If you absolutely need a book, we suggest paying a freshman to retrieve it for you.

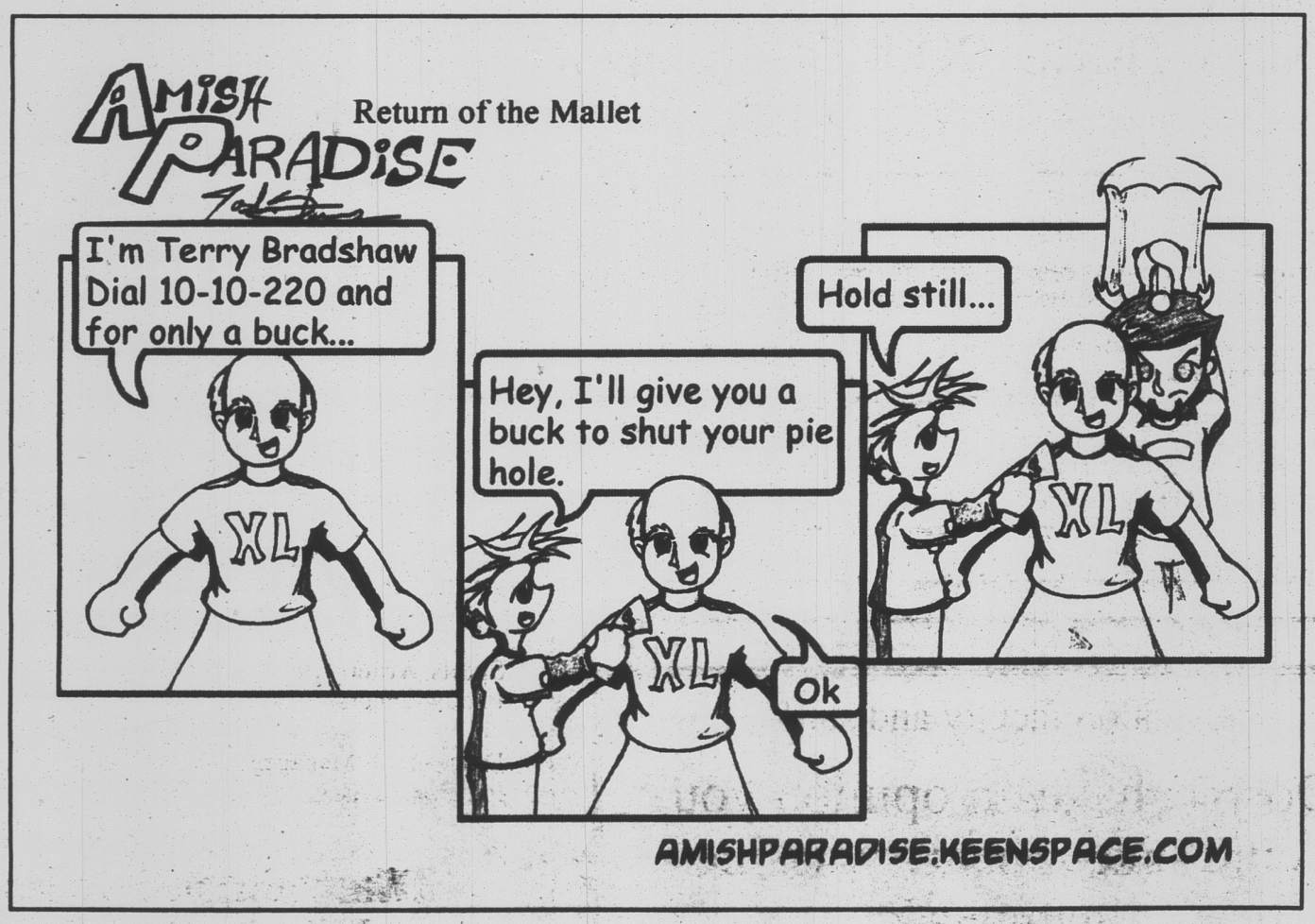
Never fear, the Holcad is here to help you resist the siren's call of laziness with five ways to get down, get busy and get to work:

3. Outside study locations are prime spots to escape distractions. The picnic pavillion at the park, the amphitheatre, or down by the lake are all scenic spots that get you out into the fresh air as well. But be careful of out door distractions. Don't give into the urge to play Frisbee. You don't need it, you need a decent grade.

4. Schedule your studying during the times you know you can do it. Some people work best at night, others early in the morning. Know when to work and when not to. Figure in an hour or two of procrastination time to give yourself a nice break or ease into that 10-page paper.

5. Delete Instant Messenger and all games from your computer. IM can be installed in minutes, but can take hours away from you, and how often have you lost an entire day to "just one more game" of Snood?

Doing things last minute only adds to the stress of finals. Do yourself a favor and start early. Once the work's done you will have plenty of time to play and say goodbye to your friends one last time before summer.



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Asian-Americans offended by Abercrombie shirts

By Linda Luk
Northern Star
(Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. – Last week, Abercrombie & Fitch began promoting a new line of multicultural clothing. People with slanted eyes, rice paddy straw hats and a picture of Buddha are some of the images you would have found on these shirts before they were pulled from shelves. The T-shirts included such statements as "Two Wongs can make it White...laundry service" and "Pizza Dojo — eat in or wok out. 1-888-GOO-PEZA." Another shirt said, "Wok-N-Bowl — Let the good times roll — Chinese Food and Bowling." Another had a picture of Buddha with "Buddha Bash...get your Buddha on the floor."

If you look on the surface, sure these shirts are humorous. But if you look at them and really think about them, you might understand why these shirts are offensive.

We all know that racism is very much alive, and so are stereotypes. What these shirts do is promote negative stereotypes. A statement like "Two Wongs can make it white" questions the ability of Asians and Asian Americans to speak proper English, and that all people in this group have accents. This statement also can be taken as far as to insinuate a value statement that white is better than Asian in America.

Asian Americans are Americans. Some are born here and can speak English as well as anybody else. It is bad enough that the media portrays Asian-Americans as foreigners who have thick accents and own Chinese restaurants. All these are negative stereotypes that Asian-Americans try to break free from. That is why Asian-Americans find these T-shirts offensive and derogatory.

A&F has pulled the shirts off the shelves, but the damage has been done. Hundreds, if not thousands of these shirts have been sold, and the company has made its profits. People who bought them and have been educated about how racist these shirts are cannot return them. People still can buy these shirts off eBay. The company has yet to offer a formal public apology. The only apology that has come has been from someone working for a PR firm hired by A&F. It needs to guarantee that this will never happen again. The company also should require diversity training for its staff to ensure sensitivity to minority issues.

Nationwide, college students, community members and leaders in the Asian/Pacific-American community have taken action because of this issue. The Asian population of this country will no longer remain silent. Asian-Americans have struggled for equality by fighting stereotypes. This is something they will not tolerate. If you feel strongly about this issue, feel free to express your concerns to A&F headquarters. Call the A&F corporate headquarters at (614) 283-6500, or write A&F CEO Michael S. Jeffries, Abercrombie & Fitch, 6301 Fitch Path, New Albany, OH 43054. For more information, go to www.boycottaf.com.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Murder By Numbers

Tyler Domske

Four years ago, I remember coming to my first class at this mighty colossus known to many as Westminster, a school so towering that even the mascot is a Titan. I was just a fresh-faced, doe-eyed youngster then, straight out of the small western Pennsylvanian burg of New Wilmington.

Fast forward four years, I am now the learned, hard, adult-elect ready to exit this institution of higher learning, hardened by years in the booming city Westminster surrounds itself with, shaking my fist at the world with one hand and blowing kisses with the other. I'm on the victory tour, the blitzkrieg of final reviews, and I'm stuck with movies like *Murder By Numbers* and *Changing Lanes*. I feel like Johnny Carson during his final shows, but instead of A-list actors, I'm interviewing Tony Danza (slap!) and Scott Baio. It's like Johnny Carson getting Carson Daly's guests. At any rate, at least that nasty warm weather is gone. Pretty soon the sun's going to come up; the party will be over and we will all have to go home.

Enough pessimism! Serenity now! Birds chirp, children giggle, everyone but me has finals, and Sandra Bullock is maintaining her consistent streak of mediocrity. So let's get cracking.

This week's pile of muckluck is Sandra Bullock's *Murder By Numbers*, the latest in a long line of flicks aimed at recreating the perfect balance of intelligent plot, suspense and thrills of *Silence of the Lambs*, and the latest to fall so short it practically trips over the starting line.

The movie follows Bullock's character, Mayweather, a tough female homicide detective with a sordid past who is set to capture two criminal masterminds. But does it really center around her? The movie can't decide whether the main plot arc is Bullock's character or the very uncomfortable and awkwardly sexually suggestive relationship between the two high school boys she is after. Both stories are at the same time confusing and intriguing, but together, they are dueling for your attention, leaving only confusion as to why things are happening in their wake.

The story follows Bullock on her pursuit to catch the boys red-handed, as they have murdered a woman just for kicks, and covered their tracks with meticulous planning. They seem to have beaten her at every turn, and then when you think they will get away with it, the killer geniuses suddenly grow consciences and blow everything.

Not to sound heartless and evil, but for once it would be nice to see the bad guys win. Maybe this isn't the right movie for that, but it's still a pandering denouement. It seems that Hollywood's recipe for suspense thrillers is to make an unbelievably evil genius, one who is absolutely perfect in every way, then, after realizing they have painted themselves into a corner, they have the bad guy make the most juvenile mistake to allow the good guy to win. I like to call this the "Scooby-Doo Factor," Hollywood's answer to the stage's "deus ex machina."

This film is another case of two guys who, from everything the movie spends nearly an hour and a half trying to convince us of, really should have gotten away with murder. In the end, it's not Bullock's great detective work, with is questionable at best, but the boys' own out-of-character confession, as they try to turn one another in.

The movie's whole premise is stolen from the true life story of two teenagers in the 1920s who killed the one teen's younger cousin just for kicks, a story that was retold quite adequately in 1959's *Compulsion!*, making this reviewer a bit sore from how poorly the idea of a "perfect murder" is played out here.

Bullock's character is not even that likeable, nor is anyone else. Characters are more confused than developed, and it gets very annoying when the movie is half over and you don't even know who the main character is yet (sure logic and ads tell us it's Sandra Bullock, but nearly as much time is given to the killer boys and their unnervingly odd dynamic).

This movie is rather like an adolescent trying as hard as possible to act like a serious grown up, but it soon becomes clear that the child has no real idea what it is like to be an adult, and in the end really cannot hide that fact.

To make a long story slightly less long, this movie is lousy.

At any rate, now you know, and knowing is half the battle.

Grade: D-

Worth: This may be the first time I say this, but save your money. This one is not worth the money of a real theater, not worth the effort of a dollar theater, and not worth the responsibility of returning a video. Only watch by accident.

Brad Dell

Some movies, like *Crossroads* and *Death to Smoochy*, should never be allowed to get beyond the concept stage. Then others, like the new Sandra Bullock thriller, *Murder by Numbers*, should be put through a Ronco food processor, shredded through a cheese grater and reassembled by one of the award-winning Subway sandwich makers. Movies like this have some good meat, some spice there somewhere, maybe even a slice of perfect dill, but they're so poorly constructed with so much extra cinematic gristle that you just can't wait to floss when you walk out of the multi-plex.

These movies, more than the Brit-laden, Smooch-ridden flops, make me insanely furious. *Murder By Numbers* contains some fascinating, thought-provoking elements. But this film (which should be called *Write by Numbers*, thank you very much screenwriter Tony Gayton) falls back on the clichéd shtick that so often makes Hollywood as gooey as Easter candy in July.

The massively cool part of the story surrounds two high school boys – a genius oddball named Justin (Michael Pitt) and a suave, popular James Dean look-alike Richard (Ryan Gossling, who even wears a red jacket throughout most of the film just like another "rebel without a cause"). These two dynamic personalities combine to plan and execute the perfect crime. They do it simply to prove that they can do it and get away with it.

As the film progresses, we see Steven seducing Justin in order to keep the plan intact.

The two boys share several very intimate moments that leave the heart pounding and the hairs on edge. But their interaction and motivations are always left just short of revelation … heaven forbid that homoerotic allusions are ever outwardly exposed in a mainstream Hollywood film. Gossling and Pitt gnaw to the core of their roles with gritty, gutsy glory the whole way to the final less-than-surprising climax.

The complex relationship of these characters should have been the foundation on which the film was built. But alas, Sandra Bullock was in this movie.

Bullock plays Cassie Mayweather, the detective in charge of the murders. This butched-out, weepy femmebot cop has more issues than Ellen DeGenerous and Judy Garland combined. Guess what: She sleeps with her new partner within the first 15 minutes of the film. Newsflash: she had a traumatic experience that propelled her into police work. Headline: Cassie's the only one who can solve the murders.

Give me a break … George W. with a pretzel lodged in his throat could dictate a more fascinating tale. I actually began doing a pre-meditated play by play of the Bullock subplot; that's how ridiculously predictable her character was. Cue life story … and go. Gag me something blunt and dipped in turpentine.

Ah jeez … don't waste your time with this one. Hollywood's underestimated our intelligence quotient once again. They have trapped us in a protective womb of predictability … well, listen up: the water has broken, the stirrups are in place, and I'm coming out head first. Cue the cinematic forceps … I'm ready for something that's gonna slap me in the rear and make me scream.

This film receives one trip through the cinematic birth canal.

Murder By Number

Tyler -- Grade D-

Brad -- One trip through the cinematic birth canal

Staley's sesquicentennial Mad Libs: join the fun

By Beth Staley
A&E Editor

It's that time of the semester when any attempt at doing work seems futile. You see people studying, and you hate them because they are sharpening the skills that you lack.

Don't retreat to your video games, Chinese finger-traps, or other recreational activities. I will help you. You can sharpen your brain power, look smart and have fun-all at the same time!

Remember Mad Libs? They are known as "World's Greatest Word Game." Get ready to boost your vocabulary. Plus, they come in the form of books, so you'll fit in with everyone who is studying. Mad Libs are wonderful.

You can buy Mad Libs from any book store. However, I have been studying Mad Libs closely for a long time, and so I've made a special sesquicentennial Mad Lib especially for the students and faculty at this school. Please enjoy this special Mad Lib. Feel free to send your versions to me at Box 1766. I may print some of them in the Holcad.

Special Sesquicentennial Mad Lib

Westminster College is having its (number)birthday. To celebrate, (person in room) will go to the library and (verb) the books. Then, (professor) will speak on behalf of all (pl. noun) at (time) in (place). Afterwards, (refreshments) will be served (adverb) by (fav. cafeteria lady). Then a parade of (pl. noun), (pl.noun), (pl. noun), will invade Old Main and take (Student Affairs employee) hostage until the Dean of (noun) pays (number) dollars to (organization). To end the celebration, (adjective) fireworks will (verb) over (body of water). Be there or be (adjective). At the celebration, we are accepting donations of (number) (pl. noun).

Here is the result of sharing this Mad Lib with friends. Read on, and share this Mad Lib with your friends.

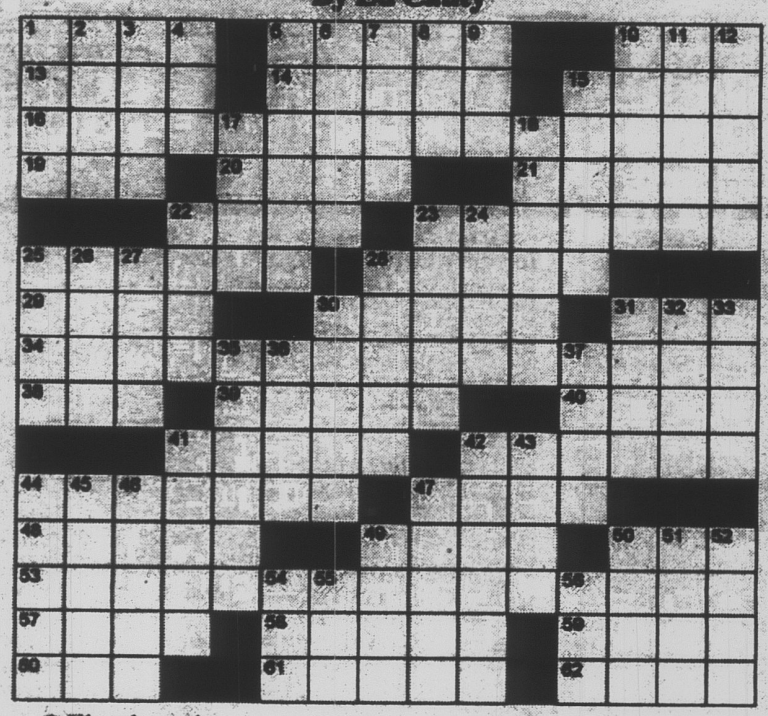
Special Sesquicentennial Mad Lib

Westminster College is having its 495th birthday. To celebrate, Chewbacca will go to the library and wiggle the books. Then, Dr. Na will speak on behalf of all pez candies at midnight in the locker room. Afterwards, beef franks will be served frankly by Lois. Then a parade of caped-birds, glow-worms, mullets, will invade Old Main and take Jacque D. hostage until the Dean of mittens pays infinity dollars to PEEP fan club. To end the celebration, flatulent fireworks will spit over the pool. Be there or be purple. At the celebration, we are accepting donations of 79 cream puffs.

Crossword 101

Beneath It All

By Ed Canty



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22 Office reminder
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25 Step
28 Bride follower
29 Work hard
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34 Not well
38 Quilters' gathering
39 Nobel prize, e.g.
40 Deserve
41 Tie holder?
42 Reprimands
44 Hard drug
47 Impulse
48 Mindful
49 Bonehead
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53 Lacked opportunities
57 Shriveled
58 Niagara, for one
59 Pleased
60 Before
61 Unfolds
62 Training places

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1 Asset
2 Squeal
3 Woman of refinement
4 Metal-bearing mineral
5 TV's Street
6 Subway
7 Periods of time
8 Illuminated
9 Confederate General
10 Pays attention to
11 Eightsome
12 Untidy
15 USSR VIP
17 Walter or Donna
18 Fancy docking facility
22 Track event
23 Gang
24 Alice's March ____
25 Hurt the toe
26 Pitch
27 Tease
28 Not here
30 Frothy drink
31 Fish
32 Mr. Maravich
33 Greek god of war
35 Sword
36 Minneapolis player
37 Tidy
41 Hindu dress
42 Church groups
43 Mole's mountain?
44 Crusade
45 Possessor
46 Nucleus
47 Interlaced
49 Half a sawbuck
50 Horrible
51 Joint
52 Tallies
54 On the affirmative side
55 Tear
56 Easter symbol

Quotable Quote

Always behave like a duck - keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

• • • *Jacob Braude*

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A WALK IN THE WOODS

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Changes are on the horizon. The results of such a change will only benefit you--be ready to say yes. You will also experience changes on a personal level, so learn acceptance.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
New ideas must be shared with others and improved during the week. Your plans may upset a few established folks, but the whole shakeup is long overdue. It may be time to give your primary love relationship a breather; love may not always overcome boredom.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
If you feel the need for quiet and solitude this week, make a few compromises to meet your responsibilities, but try to stay out of the limelight. You may have the tendency to be over-generous when money is concerned, and this may end up leaving you shorthanded.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Use all available resources during the week in the most economic way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the result will be well worth it. Others just may be amazed at how much you've done with so little. Reorganization is a key.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Diplomacy will be necessary later on this week if you want to preserve old friendships. If you assume a superior attitude, it will definitely aggravate those around you. Even though perfection is required, it will be impossible.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Try to resist any type of manipulation or suggestion that will try to get you to give more time or money than you have. If you stand up for yourself it will give you a feeling of success that will have great impact on your confidence. Stay on equal footing with a loved one.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
You have a lot to give and share with those you love. This giving will create a sudden appreciation for family members and good friends. Doing your work this week because it is your duty and your job will bring about some marvelous results for you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Another's loss this week will definitely be your gain. Use your good fortune on substance and not fluff. Someone of authority can help you build a strong foundation for successful future plans. Wise management is going to be absolutely essential to accomplish what you want.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
A love relationship may seem to be on the rocks during the week. Temporary separation may be needed to bring about a happy ending. Your trust must be renewed, because old slights are very hard to forget. Share your ideas and problems with a close friend.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any investments this week, especially in the area of real estate or health, will probably provide you with excellent returns. Make sure to communicate clearly with experts in these fields before making any decisions. Don't blame yourself for any financial difficulties.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
If you feel like you are sitting on top of the world this week, it is all thanks to your own efforts. Don't forget the hard work that has gotten you to this point. You need to remain diligent in order to stay in step with any future developments.

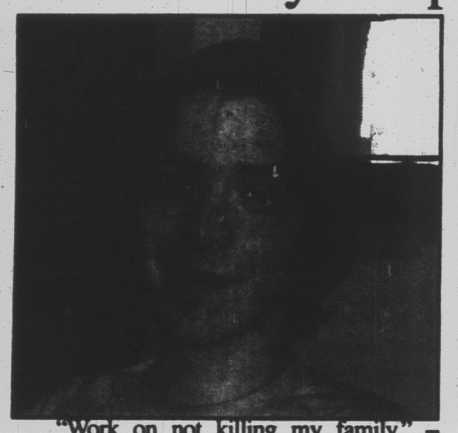
PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Memories may set you off during the week. Use what you have learned from them to help you with any present difficulties. Unrealistic expectations on your part may be to blame for feeling that someone close to you has let you down. Give in a little.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This spring and early summer will bring lots of time to share with loved ones and friends, and time to advance in your career. You will accomplish much at work and your co-workers will have a positive influence on your career.

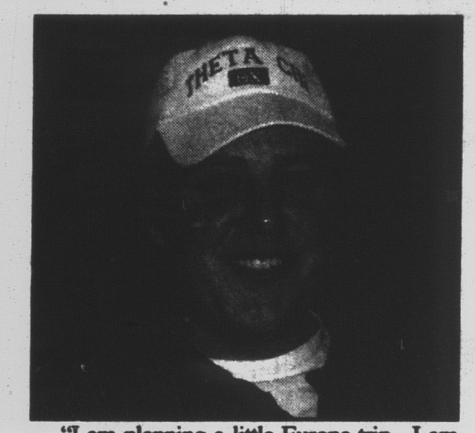
FEATURE

Question of the week: Plans for summer?

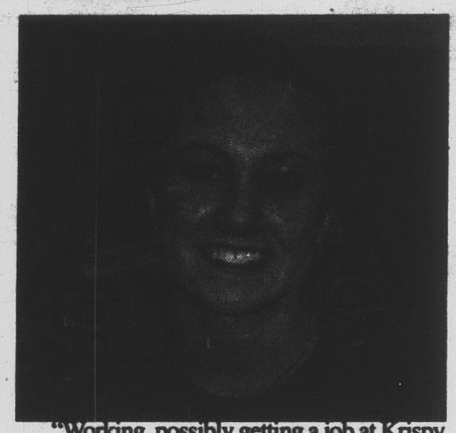
What are your plans for summer vacation?



"Work on not killing my family." – **Jeremy Baker, freshman**



"I am planning a little Europe trip. I am going to Amsterdam." – **Marshall Campbell, junior**



"Working, possibly getting a job at Krispy Kremes." – **Casie Howes, sophomore**

"I am going to South Dakota with my family. I will be working to afford student teaching." – **Nikki McDorman, junior**

"I am working at a daycare and changing poopy diapers." – **Marla Smith, senior**

"Going back to Cincinnati and getting a job at a bank." – **Feliz DeNu, sophomore**

"Work and just hang out. That's pretty much it." - **Ken Jae, sophomore**

"Go to Washington DC. Go to Vegas for vacation. That's about it. Maybe get a tattoo to p*** off my family." – **Todd Wilson, sophomore**

"I have an internship with Merch Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey." – **Jen Lewis, junior**

"Work, I am not sure where yet, to help fund the tuition raise. Hang out, take it all in. Keeping busy though." – **Dennis Buffone, freshman**

COME TO THE DEBATE SHOWCASE

Starring Westminster's own debate team

Sponsored by Westminster Speech and Debate Team/Peace Studies

Topic: Should we invade Iraq?
When: 7:30 p.m. May 2
Where: Phillips Lecture Hall

Refreshments will be served
Come see what debate is all about and hear issues on current events!

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

As students, we have to take a variety of courses. For liberal arts majors, the science and math IPs are always dreaded.

I, for instance, decided to wait until this semester, my last, to take both. Although I thought I would probably fail both courses, I'm not doing so badly.

However, I think through experience with a multitude of animals and other living organisms here, I should have been exempt from taking a lab science.

We'll start with freshman year. I remember a teacher I had in high school commenting on picking a good college - "A good school should have a good squirrel population," he said. Well, we've got that covered here.

While sitting outside enjoying a warm day, my roommate and I were rudely interrupted by a runaway half-crazed squirrel with no tail. He decided to run at us and then dart toward a tree where he continued to taunt us from several branches up.

Sophomore year, I was plagued by bees. I swell up like Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka the Chocolate Factory* when they sting me. But for some reason, they seem to think that garbage cans are great places to start hives. I found myself collecting garbage in my bookbag so as to avoid the bees.

Junior year was the year of the insect. I lived on the ground floor, which seemed to be an excellent location for small six and eight-legged pests. I remember sitting on the couch watching TV when a rather large brown spider decided to descend the wall toward my arm. I promptly screamed and ran around. Yet I couldn't take my eyes off of him for fear that he would disappear ... in which case I would have to move out of the room. My RA came over and killed him for me.

The reason I believe we had spiders was because of the ant family living in our room. We had thousands of them living in various corners of the room. Our dishes were probably cleaner than they had ever been when we had ants because we would wash them every day to kill the ones that congregated on our leftovers.

This year, the animals got bigger and we have jokingly renamed our room the bat cave. Upon returning from visiting friends on a lower floor, my roommate and I opened our door to a bat, circling the room. Of course we screamed, slammed the door shut and went looking for help. An RA and her boyfriend said they'd be up shortly after they took care of another bat downstairs. Interesting.

Anyway, we decided to try to get it out of the room ourselves while we waited for backup. Luckily, I had a hooded sweatshirt on which I pulled tightly about my face. My roommate draped her head in her coat and we slowly entered the room. He was no longer flying about, fortunately, but then we had to find him. We began by throwing various things at the blinds to try to force him from behind if that was where he was. And he wasn't. Then my roommate went into the bedroom. She pulled the door open to look behind and there was our culprit. He also appeared calm, at least until my roommate screamed at the top of her lungs and threw the door shut. Luckily, our backup arrived to try to coax the bat into a pizza box. To make a long story short, Fred (we felt that because he had been in our room for such a long time, he deserved a name) was safely removed from our room and taken outside. We got lucky despite the fact that we had to disinfect everything for fear of rabies. Now my mother refuses to even enter the building.

Anyway, I have had numerous run-ins with animals on campus. Shouldn't four years of experience with the animal kingdom count as my lab science? I think it should.

Contributed Photo

Isaac Ludwig kayaked down the creek last month.

Student kayaks down flooded campus creek

By Corrine Hoffman
Staff Writer

Two and a half weeks ago, sophomore Isaac Ludwig went kayaking in the creek that runs through campus. The creek was flooded because of heavy rain, and Isaac took advantage of the opportunity.

"The day it happened, he instant messaged me online and told me he was going to do it. At first I didn't believe him, but then I thought this is definitely something Isaac would do," sophomore Shaun Babka said.

Ludwig followed the creek from the park to the football field. "The creek was a couple feet high. I was hitting some rocks on the way down," he said.

A kayak is an Eskimo canoe, originally made of sealskin stretched over a framework of whalebone or driftwood. It is completely covered except for the opening where the paddler sits. Since the paddler wears a waterproof skin shirt laced to the boat, he can turn all the way over without sinking.

Ludwig started kayaking at age 16 when his dad introduced him to the sport. Ludwig keeps a kayak, life jacket and paddle in his dorm room. He kayaks twice a month at places such as Slippery Rock, Ohiopyle, New River, Big Sandy and the Gully.

"Kayaking excites me because it is an exhilarating sport," Ludwig said.

Last September, he competed in the Ohiopyle Falls Race. He placed 12th in the freestyle event.

Students intern with the Pittsburgh Penguins

By Cortney DiVito
Staff Writer

Senior business administration major Brenda Rowland and sophomore art technology major Craig Carlin recently served internships with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

They began their internship searches at the Career Center. "The nice ladies at the career center helped me a great deal," Carlin said.

In order to apply for the internship, Carlin and Rowland submitted resumes to the Career Center. The Career Center then forwarded the resumes to the Penguin's director of public and alumni relations, Cindy Himes.

As a freshman, Carlin applied but was not hired. "This year I applied again and was lucky enough to get a call over Christmas break," Carlin said.

The internship helped Rowland determine what type of work she wants to do. "I wasn't sure what aspect of PR I wanted to go into and this gave me more insight on that," she said.

Despite some drawbacks, Carlin and Rowland both enjoyed their experiences working for the Penguins.

"Sometimes my supervisor, Cindy Himes, would disappear from her office and I wouldn't know what exactly she wanted me to work on next. The long drive from Westminster to Pittsburgh got a little old too," Carlin said.

"It's fun to say you were part of the Penguins, but if you're looking for actual hands on PR experience, then look somewhere else," Rowland said.

Some of their responsibilities included replying to fan mail, helping with award ceremonies, replying to and making various phone calls, addressing and packing envelopes and preparing scholarship forms for evaluation.

"On-the-job experiences have become important selection criteria for companies when choosing an individual for a new position. The best way for students to have an on-the-job experience is through internships," Janet Waugaman, assistant director of the Career Center said.

A student can do several things to prepare for an internship. The first step is to go to the Career Center. It provides information regarding employers who are seeking interns, lists of places where previous students have served internships and websites with internship information.

Popular names can cause confusion on campus

By Rachel Lawrence
Staff Writer

Hearing one's name called on campus is a typical occurrence. However, if that student's name is Matthew or Sarah, it could be downright confusing.

According to a recent survey, Matthew and Sarah are the two most popular names on campus. Michael and Jennifer came in second, which were also the most common names in 1979 and 1981. Though some names never change, the trend of names has been altered since last year. In 2001, the most common names for boys included Jacob and Joshua, while the girls' top three names were Emily, Hannah and Madison.

It can be frustrating for students to have common names. "I get very annoyed when I hear my name called out all the time from every direction," said sophomore Sarah Scott. "A lot of times I try not to look if I don't recognize the voice, but it's hard and then it aggravates me when it is not directed at me."

Other students are not bothered by the popularity of their names. "I do not really notice when people yell my name on campus so unless they are two feet away or I spot them first, I really don't pay attention," said freshman Matthew Connolly.

Many names are chosen with meaning in mind. Some people are named in honor of deceased relatives or religious figures, while others received their name just because their parents liked the way it sounded. For example, Sarah means "princess" in Hebrew, while Matthew means "gift from God."

Some students received their names by mistake. "My name was supposed to be Brian but for some reason when I was born, my mom started calling me Ryan," said freshman Ryan Aleski. "The birth certificate was then signed so the name Ryan stuck."

Many websites show popular babies' names past and present and the meaning behind names. Two sites may be reached through the following addresses: http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/NOTES/note139/1997/topten3.html and http://www.kabalarians.com/

Top 10 Girls' Names on Campus

1. Sara(h) - 32
2. Jennifer – 29
3. Amy(Aimee, Amiee) –17
4. Erin – 16
5. Jessica – 16
6. Meg(h)an – 16
7. Kelly – 15
8. Melissa – 15
9. Nicole – 14
10. Amanda/Lisa - 13

Top 10 Guys' Names on Campus

1. Matthew - 29
2. Michael - 27
3. John - 19
4. Christopher - 17
5. Brian(Bryan) - 17
6. Ryan – 16
7. Joseph – 15
8. David – 15
9. Andrew – 13
10. James- 12

Volley Rock 2002 to be held May 4

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER NIGHT OWL BOWLING, Saturday, April 27, 11:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m.. Meet at Old 77. E-mail cpc@westminster.edu for more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, Tuesday, April 30, noon-6 p.m. at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall. Call Beth Brooks at EXT. 7111 to schedule an appointment.

SIGMA KAPPA ICE CREAM SOCIAL, Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m., Ferguson Lobby.

"THE VILLAIN WORE A DIRTY SHIRT OR ALWAYS WASH YOUR LONGJOHNS 'CAUSE THEY MAKE A LOTTA CENTS" is scheduled May 10 & 11 at the New Wilmington United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the performance at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the church office Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at (724) 946-2811, or Norma Garrett at (724) 946-2246 or Mary Ann Harms at (724) 946-2981. Nursery provided during play.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Off-white/gray carpet that fits in Browne Hall rooms, make an offer; refrigerator, $50. Both in good condition. Call EXT. 7440 for more information.

FOR SALE: Tan carpet that fits Galbreath single, best offer; microwave, $15. Call EXT. 7721 for more information.

NOTE: *Glorious, Grand,...Tried and True*, a cookbook featuring over 550 recipes from the Westminster community, is available for $10 at the Westminster College Bookstore. To order the cookbook or other sesquicentennial merchandise online visit, ww.westminster.edu/150.

PLEASE SUPPORT
All-Campus Blood Drive

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 26
Deadline for Intramural Sign-ups for Volleyball and Softball - Field House Lobby or Old 77 Office
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Geology Field Trip to West Virginia
5:00 p.m. Feast 'n' Fire
7:30 p.m. "Old Presbyterian Psalms" Hymn Sing: Organist Beth Harrison and Chamber Choir - Chapel

SATURDAY 27
Geology Field Trip (WV)
11:00 a.m. Men's & Women's Outdoor Track and Field @ PAC Championships
11:00 a.m. Spring Honors Convocation - Orr Auditorium
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. PAC Tourney (H)
2:00 p.m. Student Research Symposium - Phillips Lecture Hall
3:30 p.m. Public Relations Student Society of America Event for Graduating Seniors - Chapel
6:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sing 'n' Swing
8:00 p.m. Movie: *Heist* - Down Under

SUNDAY 28
CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Geology Field Trip (WV)
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Kenyon (H)
3:00 p.m. All Choir Barbecue and Songfest - Anderson Amphitheater (Rain Location: Chapel)
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: *Heist* - Down Under

MONDAY 29
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Room
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 30
Noon to 6:00 p.m. All-Campus Blood Drive - New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall (lower level)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
5:30 p.m. RHAB Meeting
6:00 p.m. Baseball @ Slippery Rock
7:00 p.m. Orchestra - Orr
8:00 p.m. Foreign Film - Down Under

WEDNESDAY 1
PA Grant Deadline
11:45 a.m. Faculty Forum: T. J. Arant - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. New Century Piano Duo Recital - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Student Pre-Law Meeting
9:30 p.m. Seekers College Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 2
9:30 a.m. CCO Meeting - Down Under
5:00 p.m. SWAT End-of-the-Year Banquet - Russell Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice - Chapel

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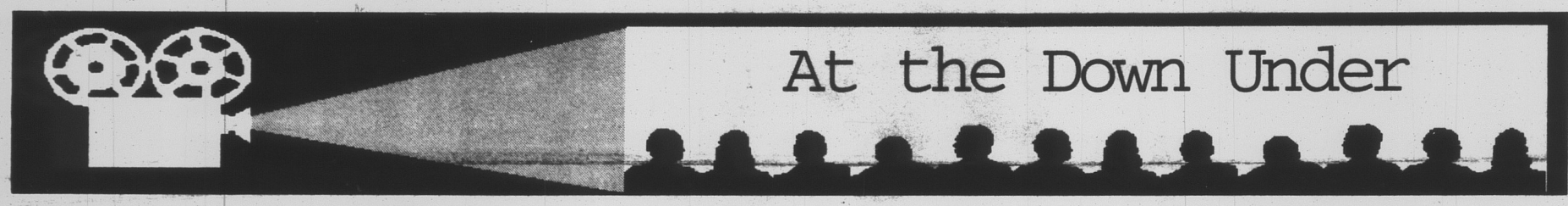
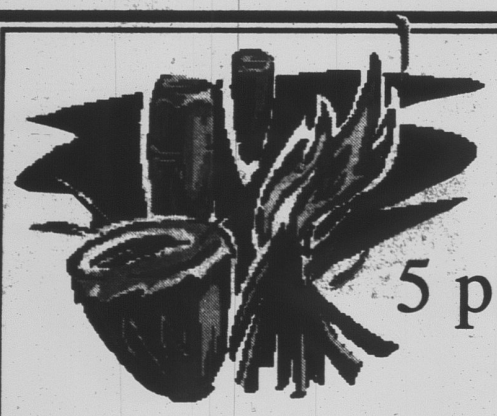
Spring Recruitment Party
The Price is Right
Wednesday, May 1 at 8pm
Sisters will pick you up in your lobby at 7:45pm



The Down Under will be closed this weekend



Friday, April 26
Feast and Fire
5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the amphitheatre
Featuring local musicians

Saturday, April 27
Sing N Swing
8:00 p.m. in Orr Auditorium
Donations will be accepted for the Lynch Family

11:30 p.m.
Late Night Bowling
Meet at Old 77

Upcoming Events
May 3 - JT's Cafe
May 4 - VolleyRock ALL DAY

Friday, May 3, 2002

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Campus signs final beam

Contributed Photo

Hundreds of people signed the final steel beam before it was lifted to its place in the campus center construction last Friday.

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

The final steel beam was placed on the remodeled campus center last Friday during a "topping off" ceremony hosted by the College and the Landau Building Company.

Before the construction workers used the crane to place the 30-foot long beam on the building, the beam was placed on the ground for members of the campus community to sign.

Between 8 and 11 a.m. that morning, the beam, painted white and decorated with two American flags, was available just outside the construction site. By the time the ceremony began at 11:45, hundreds of black and green signatures had been placed on the beam, leaving white space scarce. Although most of the signatures were students, faculty and staff members, members of the community were also represented.

Dozens of students signed the beam between morning classes, and some professors even took their entire classes outside so the students could make their mark on college history.

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Graduation number 148 on May 18

By David DiDesiderio
Staff Writer

As Westminster celebrates 150 years, students take a look back at 147 years of graduation, and prepare for number 148.

The college has grown to be one of the premier liberal arts colleges in the country. Westminster is ranked in the top 10 in the country in graduation rate performance. It has been recognized by various sources such as Money Magazine and Yahoo! Internet Life for things such as being "one of Americas best buys," and "one of America's most wired colleges."

These honors show how much the college has grown, and with each graduating class, from the past and present, students have found that Westminster is one of the most prosperous schools in America.

"I think Westminster is ahead of a lot of schools in this country, both in technology and placement after graduation," freshman John Booth said. "I'm from Texas and none of the schools I visited had the accreditations that Westminster has."

Each year presents Westminster with a new assembly of graduating seniors who have developed their education over the years following the school's unique liberal arts curriculum.

"As graduation approaches, I feel that Westminster College has prepared me for my career," senior Steve Postle said. "I am excited to become one of the many alumni that have graduated from this establishment, and am proud to have attended such a fine college."

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Seniors seeking employment

By Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

With graduation rapidly approaching, seniors are scrambling to send in their resumes and get interviews in hopes of finding a job.

According to a survey of graduates from the classes of 1997-99, approximately 74 percent of those who responded are currently employed. Only two percent are currently seeking employment.

Senior Scott Fabry, an accounting major with a minor in marketing, had 18 interviews and was offered three jobs. He will be working at Carbis Walker & Associates next year, though he originally did not intend to work there. "I originally accepted with Arthur Anderson and I was doing the internship with Carbis Walker for experience," he said. "However, with the indictment of the firm, I started to look elsewhere."

Fabry is very happy to work at Carbis Walker. "I got along with everyone there," he said. "The partners didn't treat you like you were a junior accountant. It's a great team atmosphere."

Senior Courtney Panik is a public relations major and a speech communications minor. She had two interviews and was offered one job, which she accepted. Despite her job offer, she has an idea why many people do not have jobs. "Because your senior year consists of Capstone projects, honors defenses, group

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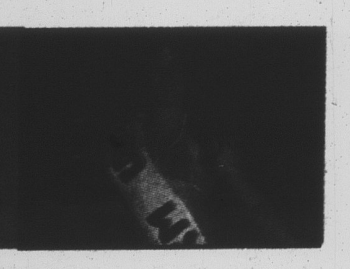

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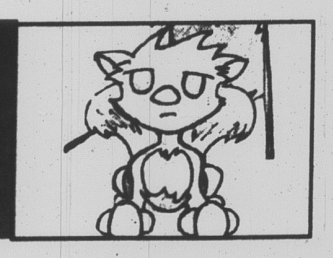

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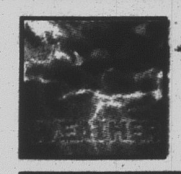

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CAMPUS NEWS

Senior Choir to sing at Baccalaureate

By: Bridgette Kennedy
Staff writer

The Senior Choir chose to sing "Precious Lord" at Baccalaureate this year.

The choir consists of 30 seniors who volunteer to sing at Senior Vespers and Baccalaureate.

Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Robin Lind, says that the students have been rehearsing together every day for the past two weeks. She will be conducting the Senior Choir at Baccalaureate.

"The Senior Choir has a long-standing tradition here at Westminster. The Choral Program has always been an integral part of this college and it is only fitting that those involved in the program during their four years want to perform one last time for their parents, faculty and fellow students," Lind said.

The Senior Choir decided to sing "Precious Lord" because the song holds meaning for them. "It was my favorite song from freshman year with Dr. Angie Broker. It was a popular number and one that we sang in our tour of Europe," Scott Hoffman said. "I'm excited because of the good people involved. I'm looking forward to it."

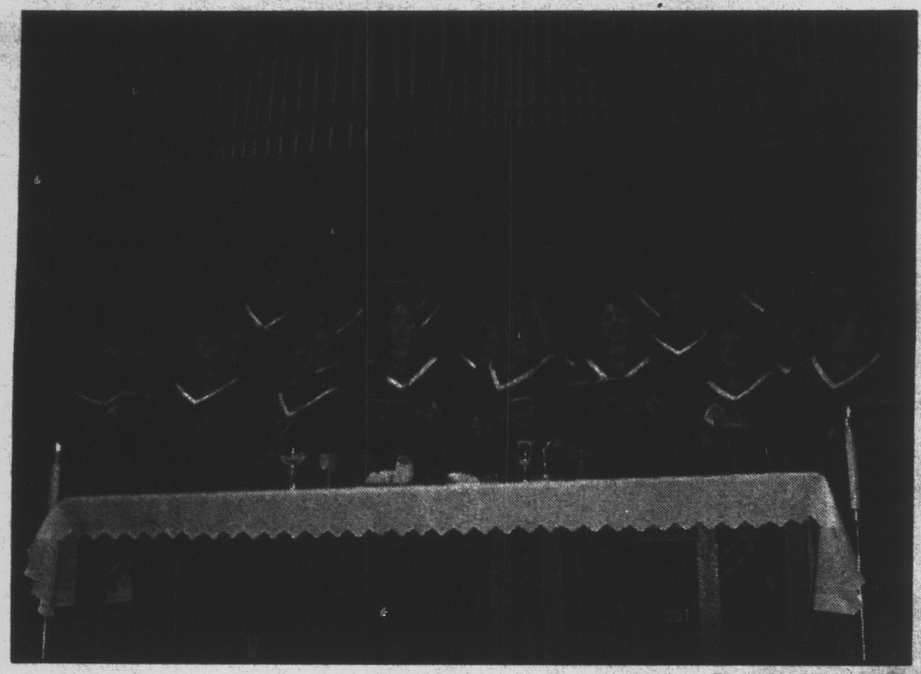

Photo by Craig Carlin
The senior chorus sang at Senior Vespers last Sunday.

Changes next year include improved safety

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

Campus will experience a few changes next semester.

Some changes will be made to the dorms. The new keyless entry system, which was installed in Shaw, Jeffers, Russell and Eichenauer over Christmas vacation, will be expanded to all the dorms.

According to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Molly Burnett, the goal is to cover Galbreath, Ferguson, Browne and Hillside by next semester. It is possible that the keyless entries will be installed into the storage rooms and labs in Hoyt as well.

"The keyless entry is a fabulous new addition to this campus because it makes lazy college students happy," freshman Lindsay Ponsonby said.

The college plans to have three new resident directors on campus. Seth McCormick will become the RD in Russell. Two RDs will take over in Shaw and Hillside, but it has not been decided who will take these positions.

Plans to improve public safety on campus have been made as well. Security will undergo many changes over the summer. Beginning next fall, former security guards will be on patrol as certified police officers. Some students, however, do not feel the need for increased security.

"I feel safe already. Our campus is a very secure community," freshman Lauren Anderson said.

The new student center will also be completed between February and April of next year.

Completing the circle: Senior Vespers service

By Elisa Suber
Staff Writer

Senior Vespers was held at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 28 in the chapel.

During the worship service, seniors did the readings, messages and communion. The senior chorus also performed.

Becky Marquette performed the prelude and postlude. Scott Hoffman gave the opening prayer, prayer of confession and assurance of pardon. Chrissy Ingold and Brian Lytle provided readings. Rita Longan and Scott Hauser gave messages. Andrea Bean recited the Lord's Prayer, and Heidi Langdon gave the benediction.

The senior chorus members performed songs they have sung throughout their college careers. They will also be performing at baccalaureate.

Everyone is invited to attend for free.

Vespers are held every Sunday evening in the chapel. The second to last service is always set aside for seniors.

Dr. Robin Lind, an assistant music professor plays a big part of this long-standing event. "It's a Westminster tradition," she said.

Volley Rock 2002 to add more events for non-participants

By Phil Falcocchio
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association is hosting VolleyRock, its annual pre-summer celebration, tomorrow. It's a day of activities for both students and staff members.

This year's competition is set to be the biggest VolleyRock yet in honor of the school's sesquicentennial celebration. About 650 students are already signed up, forming a 96-team volleyball tournament. Sign-ups have already been completed, but students who did not sign up can still attend the event and enjoy the day.

Christine Atkins, vice president of SGA, is for the event. "It's really just a fun day for all the students to come together, forget about finals for a bit, and see each other one last time before the summer," she said.

SGA has been planning the event for more than a month and a half. The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the courts set up in the field between Russell and Eichenauer Hall.

Plans have been set for a watermelon eating contest, a hula-hoop contest, various relay races and a 50/50 drawing. The dining hall will be serving lunch, and Quaker Steak and Lube will arrive around 5:30 p.m. with enough wings to feed the entire campus.

A disc jockey will be on campus for the afternoon, and the campus radio station will provide musical entertainment for the celebration during the evening. Bingo will be from 8 to 10 p.m., with a possible reward of about $325. The fireworks show is set to start at 10 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the day's events should look for the red, yellow and orange balloons around the campus.

The event has non-participants excited as well. "If I can come down, I'm going to definitely enter the watermelon-eating contest," sophomore Justin Joseph said. "I just hope I don't eat so much that I'm too sick to watch the fireworks."

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work and leadership roles in extra-curricular activities, it limits your time on the job search," she said.

She will be working for the Sigma Kappa sorority next year. She chose the job for a number of reasons. "The internship I had I wasn't interested in. I'm not ready to work in an office," she said. "With this job I will be doing something different every day. I will be in different places, working with different people and it will be something challenging."

Panik feels her time at Westminster has prepared her well for her career. "During my interview I was given scenarios in which I had to plan, strategize and solve communication or image problems," she said. "This is exactly what I learned in my major and minor over the past four years. I felt confident in my answers."

Senior Amy Balderach is a history major and political science minor. She has not put together a resume yet and does not have a job for next year. "I am a little upset that I have nothing planned," she said. "On the other hand I can do whatever I want in the next year before I go to grad school."

Balderach has no idea what field she will be working in, but feels that her liberal arts education has helped her. "My liberal arts education has opened many doors because I feel so well-rounded," she said. Her dream for next year is to join the Americorps. If that falls through, she plans to spend her fair share of time in front of the television.

Jackie Meade, director of the Career Center, helps seniors with their job applications and interviews. "We help them not only apply for jobs, but to prepare them and apply in a very professional way," Meade said. They also give tips on how to dress during an interview, what to expect and what to ask to help increase their chances of getting a job.

The Career Center has many programs such as shadowing, workshops and job fairs that are geared toward not only seniors, but also underclassmen.

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"I brought my Inquiry class out to sign it to demonstrate community," said Suzanne Prestien, professor of English and public relations. "All the students and I signed it individually and then we wrote 'INQ 102F' in large letters. It really means a lot to me to be a part of history like this, and I'm sure it also does to the students," Prestien added emotionally as she fought back tears.

"I stopped by to sign it between classes," sophomore Melissa Logan said. "I thought it was a great idea for the college to do this," she added.

Just before the beam was raised, College President R. Thomas Williamson addressed the 75 people who attended the ceremony. "We're grateful for support from both on and off campus for this building," Williamson said. "It's going to mean a lot to Westminster College, New Wilmington and hopefully western Pennsylvania," he added.

Tom Landau of Landau Building Company then presented a topping off plaque to Williamson, Vice President of Finance William Birkhead, Owner's Representative Larry Ratvasky and project supervisor Dale Cupec.

Finally, the beam was raised to the top portion of the construction between the old TUB and Freeman Hall. The crowd applauded as the workers guided the beam to its resting place, where it can still be seen from the quad and Galbreath Hall.

"We're very pleased with the turnout," Cupec said. "We had a close call with the weather the night before, but the construction workers stayed and worked extra hours to make sure it would get done on time."

Contributed Photo

Members of the Westminster community and the final steel beam.

English department rewards students for hard work

By Laurie Duffee
Staff Writer

The Annual English Department Awards were announced at the Bleasby Colloquium on April 23 in Russell Dining Hall.

The Frederick D. Horn English Capstone Award, which recognizes the senior English major who submits the best advanced study paper, was awarded for the first time.

Horn, who came to Westminster in 1966, is retiring from teaching this year. "Dr. Perkins had mentioned having a Capstone Award and I thought 'Great' and told him I'd be willing to fund it," he said.

"I didn't want my name on it but they insisted," he added.

Senior Andrea Barilla won the first award. "My paper focused on my grandfather's history; his roots, his childhood and his experiences in World War II."

"The title of my paper is "The Dusty Green Suitcase," for my project began with cracking open the old green suitcase which holds my grandfather's remaining possessions," she added.

Her student teaching duties prevented her from attending the banquet. "I am truly honored to receive this reward, and I would never have expected to receive it. I was kind of disappointed I wasn't at the dinner when they gave it to me. Instead I was in my living room surrounded by papers which needed grading."

She has received more than an award as a result of writing the paper. "Through this process, I discovered the validity and rewards of human research, I got to speak with or write to veterans around the United States, as well as speak with family members I never really had connected with."

Her paper will be an example for other students. "A bound copy will be given to the winner and one put in the department library. In the future, students doing advance study papers can look at the best papers from previous years," Horn said.

The Paul Gamble Service Award, established in 1985, went to senior Scott Hauser. Gamble, the College Historian since 1952, created the award to honor a senior English major, who is active in community service.

Hauser received the news as he entered the banquet. "Jim Perkins came over to me right after I walked in and whispered, 'I was really glad to see you walk in, we're giving you an award tonight.' I thought he was joking, but he showed me the program and sure enough my name was in there."

He volunteers about six to 10 hours a week at church. "Most of my local community service is with the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, helping out with their Creations group (grades 5-8) and their youth group called TEAM (grades 9-12)."

He has worked several summers at a Christian camp and is involved in other philanthropies, including Relay for Life, sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Phi.

Hauser got the chance to meet the award's namesake. "I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gamble and his wife, and they are really lovely people. It is very humbling to receive any award based on community service, and even more so when you stand face to face with the person for whom the award is named. I am delighted and honored."

He will receive a cash reward and his name on a plaque that will be on display in the English department.

The John H. Forry Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1979 by his wife, Kathryn, as a memorial to him. Forry became dean of the college and professor of English in 1953. He retired in 1961, but remained with the English faculty until his death in 1965.

The fund is rewarded annually to a junior or senior English major on the basis of academic achievement.

Junior Gina Bessetti received the scholarship this year. "I was really surprised. I had no clue that I was receiving anything," she said.

"The monetary amount is of little importance to me. I feel honored to be receiving such recognition. I have always been taught that learning is its own reward, and my family has always expected me to work to my potential, so receiving unexpected recognition for my work is thrilling," she added.

She acknowledges the people who have helped her along the way. "I feel that I owe a lot of my achievement to my professors who have always been there and who have pushed and guided me to the place I am now. The English professors at Westminster are awesome."

George Bleasby letter reading draws crowd of about 80 people

By Biz Adams
Senior Staff Writer

Last week the English and Public Relations department celebrated the life and career of George Bleasby and his contributions to his department, students and community. The colloquium consisted of readings from the correspondence between Bleasby and his student, alumnus Gary Shaw '74.

"Dr. Bleasby was the sort of teacher we all dream of having or being. He loved literature and cared for his students," James Perkins said. "His correspondence with Shaw is evidence of this."

A lifelong friend of Bleasby, Gene Decaprio, read excerpts from Bleasby's letters to the audience of about 80 people.

"The reading by Gene DeCaprio helped characterize Dr. Bleasby to those of us who never the opportunity to meet him or have him as a professor," said junior English major Lee Fetters.

"George read everything and remembered everything he read. He sought to instill a love of reading for his students," Perkins said.

Upon Bleasby's retirement, he was replaced William McTaggart.

"Bill used to say, 'I teach the classes George used to teach. No one can ever replace George.'" Perkins said.

McTaggart established the colloquium series in honor of Bleasby.

Students prepare for finals with a variety of study techniques

By Seth Bontrager
Staff Writer

Students use many study techniques to get through finals.

"I like to read everything completely through the first time. Then I go back over the material and make note cards outlining the important information," sophomore Erin Chittock said. This seemed to be a favorite technique, used by many of the students on cam[illegible].

"I find it very us[illegible] work with others and quite possi[illegible]n try to teach others the material w[illegible]n I'm questioning how to do something," sophomore Cody Bauers said.

"I'm the kind of person who likes to go to the library to find a nice quiet place to study without any distractions," junior Amanda Zelechoski said. This is a very popular study method for students who have to battle with the noise of fraternity houses or dormitories.

"I like when teachers provide a review sheet. I also like working in groups to get other people's thoughts and ideas about the questions," senior Jamie Sell said.

Students can prepare for finals in many other ways. The Learning Center is available for extra help, and the Health Center provides many stress-relieving ideas.

Miss Titan raises money for Alzheimer's research

By Biz Adams
Senior Staff Writer

Last Wednesday 14 campus men had the opportunity to dress in drag and strut their stuff around Orr Auditorium, each one vying for the coveted position of Miss Titan.

Each contestant had to dress in a bathing suit and evening gown and each had to answer a question in front of an audience of about 500 people.

Sophomore Carra Dixon, Foundations Chair of Sigma Kappa, was in charge of the event. "I was really pleased with how everything turned out," Dixon said. "I was excited about the turnout and the money we raised for Alzheimer's research."

More than a $1000 was raised, with most of the money coming from the $2 donations from each audience member.

Senior Amy Balderach was involved in the Question and Answer segment of the contest. "Asking the contestants questions was my favorite part of the event; it gave the 'ladies' a real chance to attempt to really portray a girl. I have been doing this for three years, and it is always hysterical to hear what comes out of their mouths," Balderach said.

Each contestant made a valiant attempt, but there can only be one Miss Titan. After the judges, Cary Horvath and the TUB women, deliberated, a decision was reached. Sophomore David DiDesidario became Miss Titan.

"It feels wonderful to be honored as Miss Titan 2002. I never thought I would win anything for being a woman," DiDesidario said. "I told my mom about it. She laughed and said, 'Now you see what we go through to look pretty.' I don't think I'll be telling my dad about it," he added.

Photo by Craig Carlin
Dave DiDesidario, the Sigma Kappa representative, was crowned Miss Titan 2002.

Theta Chi and Kappa Delta win Sing 'n Swing

By Michael DaVia
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 27, Orr auditorium came alive with cheers, laughter and applause as the Greeks presented the annual end to Greek Week, Sing 'n Swing.

This year's winners were Theta Chi and Kappa Delta. This marks Theta Chi's third year in a row as Sing 'n Swing Champions.

The theme for Sing 'n Swing was verbs. Last year's winners Zeta Tau Alpha and Theta Chi presented "roll" and "do" respectively. Sigma Kappa presented "rock," Sigma Nu presented "jump," Alpha Gamma Delta presented "sing," Phi Kappa Tau presented "take," Kappa Delta presented "walk," Alpha Sigma Phi presented "come," Phi Mu presented "shake," and Sigma Phi Epsilon presented "get."

"I'm very proud of all the girls for working so hard and putting so much effort into our dance," junior history major and member of Alpha Gamma Delta, Kelly Schmidt said.

During the night, various awards were given out to members of the Greek community. Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu were announced the winners of the Greek Week 2002. Zeta Tau Alpha's Angela Steck was crowned Greek Goddess and Sigma Phi Epilson's Beau McElfresh was crowned Greek God. Alpha Sigma Phi's Mike DaVia' was announced as Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus.

The night also saw a new award given out, The D. Scott Renninger awarded to Coach Renninger, the IFC adviser.

Sigma Phi Epsilion was awarded for Best Pickup Day 2002. Sig Eps also took the sportsmanship award along with Zeta Tau Alpha. Alpha Sigma Phi received the participation award and Sigma Kappa and Zeta Tau Alpha tied for it.

As soon as the competition ended on Saturday night, rumors were floating around campus that two fraternities and two sororities were disqualified for various reasons. It turns out those rumors were false. Greek Week junior chair Melanie Piddington said, "Contrary to rumor, there was no disqualification of any groups and I thought everyone did an excellent job, which was a hard choice for the judges to make."

Overall, the night proved to bring out the best in the Greek organizations on campus working together in competition. Freshman and Alpha Sigma Phi pledge Mark Woessner said, "Sing and Swing was a lot of fun, I can't wait until next year to do it again."

Admissions team predicts incoming class of about 370

By Michael Farner
Staff Writer

Next year's incoming freshman class consists of 200 confirmed individuals. More prospective students are undecided.

"We are 100 applications and 50 visits over our record year last year," Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz said.

Although the number of applications has risen, due to the September 11 tragedy, financial situations are worse than they were a year ago, Swartz said. These problems have caused many families to reconsider sending their children to private schools. Some families also fear losing jobs or money in the stock market.

The admissions team is still predicting a large class of about 370 students, five below last year's number. As of right now, about 200 individuals have paid and are committed to the college. Seventy percent of these people are women. This number may be skewed because many of the sports players have not yet decided. The national average for small private colleges is around 60 percent women to 40 percent men.

"As a tour guide, I have seen many visiting students impressed by the college," said Dana Sherman, a member of Student Westminster Admissions Team. "They really are excited about the opening of the new student center."

"I have visited the campus and found myself to be very pleased with the environment and people," said Ben Libert, high school senior and incoming freshman. "I wanted to make a decision without my brother, who is a sophomore at Westminster, being involved. This was completely my choice."

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Some students see their years at Westminster as a stepping stone into the next stage of their lives.

"Graduating from Westminster will be something that I will remember for the rest of my life," senior Jim Houser said. "I have spent the last four years of my life making friends and preparing for my career, and that will be with me forever."

Location, equipment and funding key to planning a campus event

By Erin Quinlan
Staff Writer

A great deal of work goes into planning the activities available on campus for students and faculty.

When preparing an on-campus activity, several steps and precautions must be taken. The first step is to secure a location. Determining which facility to use depends on the estimated attendance.

For instance, Beeghly Theater has 300 seats, the Chapel has 500 seats and Orr Auditorium has 700 seats. If an event is planned to take place outside, the amphitheatre is also an option. Planning events outside can be risky, however. Poor weather can be detrimental to events.

According to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of Student Affairs, it is smart to plan outside events in the amphitheatre because it can protect an event from being rained out.

After securing a location, the second step is to decide what equipment will be needed and who to notify. The Audio Visual Services supplies organizations with microphones, videos, portable smart classrooms, speakers and projectors. Tables and chairs can be borrowed from the Physical Plant.

The third step is to make the organization has adequate funding. The organization hosting the event proposes an amount of money needed in order to cover all the fees. Then the Student Government Association determines whether they can supply the funds. It is sometimes helpful to have more than one organization sponsor the event to create a larger budget.

The final and most important step is to promote the event. Posters, fliers, student directory e-mails, campus radio station commercials and Holcad advertisements are effective advertising techniques. Advertisements should include where, when and why the event is occurring.

According to SGA special event coordinator Carolee Reed, timeliness is key to successful promotion. "The most important aspect in planning is time management and patience," Reed said. "Starting to plan ahead of time reduces stress." The best time to start planning an event is a month prior to the date of the event.

Hawthorne attempts to organize many on-campus activities for the students and hopes that they participate. "We want this to be a residential campus, not a commuter campus," Hawthorne said.

Only women and brothers at frats in fall

By Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

In the fall, attendance at fraternity parties will become more select. Beginning next semester, independent men will no longer be able to attend weekend parties.

Men's Fall Pick-Up will be on Sept. 13, 2002. After that weekend, Friday and Saturday night parties will only be open to freshmen and Greek men. All women will still be able to attend all parties.

This decision is meant to increase the number of Greek men on campus. It was reached by a unanimous vote by all five fraternities on campus.

One weekend a month, Friday and Saturday night parties will be open to independent, upper-class males. IFC will choose which weekend at the first IFC meeting of every month.

Many fraternity members view the decision as a positive change. "Greek life does a lot for this campus. Without [Greek life] the campus would be drastically different," sophomore Sigma Phi Epsilon Chris Borsani said.

Some students, however, are upset with this new decision. "I understand the need for security checkpoints at fraternities. However, I think it's unfair to independent men because it gives them no option, especially in a town like New Wilmington. How are fraternities supposed to increase their brotherhood without much opportunity to welcome others in their houses? It's a no-win situation," sophomore Alpha Gamma Delta Ashleigh Oram said.

IFC is working on the formation of a Risk Management Team to make sure that no fraternity is letting independent men in—by mistake or otherwise. The team would serve as an internal check for the Greek system. It would be made up of two people, each from a different house on a rotating basis.

Holcad receives press award

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

The Holcad recently earned first place honors in the American Scholastic Press Association 2002 Awards.

In order to receive first place honors, the newspaper had to receive an overall score between 850 and 1000. The Holcad received an overall score of 935.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Andi Majot, co-editor of the Holcad said. "The Holcad staff works very hard on the paper every week. This award just lets everyone else know what we have known for years--that Holcad is the best."

Heidi Krieger, co-editor, added that critiques of the paper were sent along with the award. "It tells us what we can do to make the paper better," she said. "It's very helpful."

The editors said they are confident the paper will continue to excel next year.

Bailey and Drinko earn honorary degrees

By Libby Mucciarone
Staff Writer

The college will present honorary doctorates to the Reverend Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey and Elizabeth Gibson Drinko on Saturday, May 18 during commencement. Each will speak briefly, offering "Pearls of Wisdom" for the graduates.

Bailey will serve as the speaker for Baccalaureate. He will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church, he spent 40 years teaching and living as a missionary in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus. The cultural background and literary forms of the New Testament is his area of specialty.

Assistant professor of religion Dr. Na commented on Bailey's degree. "The honor is one befitting such an honorable man whose life exemplifies the noble virtues that Westminster strives to cultivate among its students. His contributions as a biblical scholar are as palpable as his contributions as an ordained minister in the PC," he said. "In both the academic and religious realms, his scholarship and faith have promoted cross-cultural understanding both in the U.S. and abroad."

Bailey completed two years of graduate study in Arabic Language while in Cairo and earned a doctor of theology in New Testament during his university and seminary studies.

During this time, he was a professor of New Testament studies and head of the Biblical division of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut for 20 years. There he founded and directed the Institute for Middle Eastern New Testament Studies.

He has lectured at multiple theological colleges and seminaries in England, Ireland, Canada, Egypt and Jerusalem. Bailey continues to teach about the Bible in both Arabic and English at conferences and seminars in the Middle East, Europe and North America.

During his career, Bailey composed scripts for two professionally produced feature length films. He wrote more than 100 articles in both English and Arabic, and has published five books. Many of his published writings are available in more than 20 languages.

Bailey currently resides in New Wilmington, Pa., with his wife Ethel. He retired in December 1995, but continues to minister through lectures and writing.

Drinko will also receive an honorary degree from the College. She will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Westminster College in 1944.

In 1991, Drinko and her husband established the Gibson Drinko Distinguished Chair, which is fully endowed.

The current Chair holder is Dr. Mandy B. Medvin. She commented on Drinko's contribution to Westminster. "Elizabeth Drinko is a warm and gracious person, and well deserved of this degree," she said. "Her continued support for the psychology department and the developmental program has greatly enhanced the education of our majors, and extended our involvement in community outreach. We are grateful to her and her husband for their support."

Drinko has continued her interest in the advancement of the college by making possible the building of the John Deaver and Elizabeth Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. The new campus center will house the Drinko Center.

She was very involved on campus during her college years, which included being a member of Beta Sigma Omicron, which is now the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She also was an active member of the Panhellenic Council, YWCA, Freshman Commission, May Court, Mermaids and YWCA.

Drinko is the former president of the Cleveland East Alumnae Association of Zeta Tau Alpha for two years, and a member of the Cleveland Council of Panhellenic for 10 years. She was the recipient of the "Zeta Lady" award from her chapter on State Day in 1982.

She is an officer and trustee of The Elizabeth G. and John D. Drinko Charitable Foundation and The Mellen Foundation. She is also an officer and director of Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Inc., World College, Inc. and Double D Ranch. For two years, Drinko chaired the Lyndhurst (Ohio) Combined Health Drive.

Drinko and her husband currently reside near Cleveland.

Spring Finals Schedule

	Exam 1 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Exam 2 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Exam 3 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Exam 4 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 9	12:50 p.m. MWF	9:20 a.m. TR	3:10 p.m. MWF	Tuesday and Thursday evening classes
Friday, May 10	10:30 a.m. MWF	12:30 p.m. TR	7:40 a.m. TR	Monday and Wednesday evening classes and TBA classes
Saturday, May 11	9:20 a.m. MWF	2:10 p.m. TR	8:10 a.m. MWF	
Monday, May 13	2:00 p.m. MWF	3:50 p.m. TR	Make-up period	

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'Master Prints' exhibit celebrates printmaking

By Eve Modzelewski
The (Pittsburgh) Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP) - With his wallpaper motifs and mass-produced self-portraits, Andy Warhol wholly embraced the age-old art of printmaking. It forced people who looked at his work to think about reproduction techniques and processing when they considered the art itself.

And while Warhol is among the most famous print artists, there have been countless others who also recognized the creative potential of this method.

Works by more than 30 such artists are on display through the end of May at Concept Art Gallery and, together, they make a powerful statement about printmaking over the past 100 years.

Among the gems in the show are four screen prints from Warhol's "Camouflage" series. It was the last portfolio he worked on before his death in 1987, and seeing four of the prints side by side is no less than captivating. His magentas, oranges, blues and greens are hypnotic, filling the upstairs gallery with a glowing haze of light.

The exhibition, called "Master Prints," showcases techniques ranging from screen-printing to lithography to etchings, and it draws attention to the intricate processes that have made printmaking so versatile and appealing to artists. Part of the beauty of the art form is that there are no limits to what a print may be, and the show at Concept proves that by including a number of "hybrid" prints that are at the same time paintings, collages and drawings.

The most striking example of this combination of media is a collection of three color lithographs by Christo, the artist known for monumental projects such as the surrounding of 11 islands in Miami's Biscayne Bay with masses of pink fabric in the early 1980s.

Before embarking on a project, Christo — who works in conjunction with his wife, Jeanne-Claude — typically creates a series of prints to explain what he's setting out to do. Then, he sells them in order to finance his work. The lithographs at Concept are an example of this. They detail his plans to wrap with fabric the monument to Vittorio Emanuele in Milan, a project he worked on in the early 1970s.

The lithographs provide insight into the artist's thought process and reveal the precision behind his planning. The first in the series charts the dimensions of the monument and includes a diagram showing exactly how the structure would be wrapped with material.

The second in the Christo series incorporates some of the actual material he planned to use for wrapping the monument, and so the lithograph is also considered a collage because it combines and layers different media.

Christo and Warhol aren't the only big names in the show. Concept Art Gallery Director Sam Berkovitz selected prints also from Roy Lichtenstein, Keith Haring and Romare Bearden, among others. The show includes selections from the pre-Pop era — including a poster from one of Man Ray's exhibitions — the Pop era itself, and the post-Pop era, with artists such as Haring.

It's an expansive show, one that would be tough for a gallery to pull together if the medium were paintings instead of prints. And that's part of the joy of collecting fine art prints, Berkovitz says: It's more affordable than collecting paintings.

"You can get a Roy Lichtenstein, and it's an original piece of art, and the price isn't astronomical," he explains. The Lichtenstein in this show goes for $6,000 — a bargain compared to the price of a painting by the artist.

And yet prints have a unique value that people don't always recognize. That's because it's sometimes hard to distinguish fine art prints from commercially reproduced, less valuable prints.

For this show, however, Berkovitz makes a conscious effort to include authentic prints.

"We like to get artists who make prints in the traditional way. Many prints now are just autographed reproductions," he says.

When prints are made authentically, they are reproduced from a master plate that was actually created by the artist. The plate is inked and some type of paper is pressed onto the surface. Even those made from the same plate may vary slightly, as the application of ink may vary, making each product a unique work of art.

Some artists in the show have focused their whole careers on printmaking. That's the case with Carol Summers, whose woodcut "Ravanna's Palace Burning" was printed from both sides of the paper. In the past, Summers has visited Concept Art Gallery for printing demonstrations, Berkovitz said.

Other artists, however, are better known for their work with other media. Bearden, for example, is best known for his jazzy collages from the 1960s. Included in this show, however, is a color etching called "Sunday Morning at Avila." It's interesting to see how Bearden approaches another type of media, and it's apparent that he maintained his trademark collage-like, layered feel even with his prints.

Other highlights from "Master Prints" include Jessica Stockholder and Rolf Julius, both of whom have exhibited at the Mattress Factory. In fact, Julius' lithographs at Concept reference a piece he created at the Mattress Factory that is still on display. It includes Japanese tea bowls filled with pigment that is set into motion by sound emitted from tiny speakers.

The list of artists being shown at Concept is as varied as the different printmaking techniques used to create the pieces in "Master Prints." Collectively, they remind us of the innovation and creative genius that has evolved from printmaking.

Turnpike tunnel closed for more than 12 hours after fatal crash

By Dan Lewerenz
Associated Press Writer

FANNETTSBURG, Pa. (AP) - A tractor-trailer slammed into a mountain at the entrance of a turnpike tunnel in south-central Pennsylvania on Friday morning, killing the driver and closing the highway for 65 miles.

The crash happened shortly after 7 a.m. at the Tuscarora Tunnel along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in a rural area about 70 miles west of Harrisburg. The tunnel was closed after the crash for more than 12 hours, reopening at about 7:30 p.m., state police said.

The Gainey Transport truck, which was hauling paper, was headed eastbound from Indiana when it crossed onto a grassy median and crashed through an exterior wall and into a maintenance room, causing a fire and knocking out power, officials said.

"At the point where you are going to enter the tunnel, for whatever reason he missed the tunnel entrance and drove into the mountain itself," said Cpl. Gerald Meredith of the Newville barracks, adding the crash knocked out lighting and filled the mile-long tube with smoke.

Police did not immediately release the driver's name.

No other people were injured in the wreck. Several cars were briefly stuck in the darkened tunnel but were safely removed.

While the turnpike was closed in both directions, the traffic was being diverted from Carlisle to Breezewood, Turnpike Commission spokeswoman Kathy Liebler said.

Work crews had removed wreckage from the highway by 11 a.m. but remained to inspect the tunnel's walls for damage and to restore power. Melted pieces of the truck remained in the highway median.

"There's still a question of structural integrity," said turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo. "When the fire happened, the engineers went into the maintenance room. They saw cracks in the concrete beams, small cracks, that we'll need to look at."

The crash damaged the two transformers that bring electricity to the tunnel and destroyed two backup generators.

Officials hadn't determined why the driver crashed. A witness told authorities the truck didn't appear to slow before hitting the wall.

"Maybe he got confused. Maybe he had a heart attack. Maybe he fell asleep. We just don't know," DeFebo said.

American Coaster Enthusiasts donate money to paint coaster

CONNEAUT LAKE, Pa. (AP) - Blue Streak, the sixth-oldest wooden roller coaster in the United States, is getting a face-lift thanks to coaster enthusiasts from across the country.

The 74-year-old, minute-and-54-second thrill ride at Conneaut Lake Park is getting a fresh coat of blue paint.

It's been years since the Blue Streak was painted, in large part because park officials couldn't spare $50,000 from a tight budget. The Crawford County park, which has a history of financial problems, was placed in the hands of a public trust in 1997.

Now, members of the 7,000-member American Coaster Enthusiasts are seeing that the classic coaster looks like new.

"I want to say I have done it," said Maggie Altman, an ACE member from Pittsburgh, about 85 miles south of Conneaut Lake. "It's a real good coaster. There is a lot of air time in it that throws you out of your seat."

Betty Tolbert has never actually taken the thrill ride, but she has been at the park helping to put a new face on the coaster all the same.

"I am not a rider, but I am a fan," said Tolbert, 74, a Beaver County resident who took her first pony ride at the park 55 years ago and later honeymooned there with her late husband. "It's just been a dream of mine to do one monumental project that would really help the park."

Volunteers, who are getting free room and board for their help with the 2,900-foot coaster, spent the past three weekends at the park. Although rain hampered some of the work, about 50 volunteers continued to clean out flowerpots, scrape paint and help with cleanup chores.

Club volunteers have traveled from as far as Atlanta and Washington, D.C., to help on what many call a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The group, which held a 12-hour Blue Streak marathon last summer, also donated $5,500 to the painting effort. And park manager Gene Rumsey said Wheeler's Paints Inc. in Erie is supplying upward of 450 gallons of paint for just $3.50 a gallon.

Professional painters will be brought into the park to paint the upper reaches of Blue Streak, but Rumsey hopes the coaster will be gleaming for the park's opening Memorial Day.

NATIONAL

100 gay rights activists protest priest's homily

By Lukas I. Alpert
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NEW YORK (AP) - Nearly 100 gay activists gathered outside St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday to protest church leaders' handling of the sex abuse scandal.

Protesters said they were spurred on by Monsignor Eugene Clark's comments during Mass on April 21, when he reportedly labeled homosexuality "a disorder" and said that admitting gay students into seminaries was a "grave mistake."

Clark has since said that his homily was misinterpreted and that he did not associate homosexuals with the illness of pedophilia or imply that they, collectively or individually, were guilty of any crime.

But protesters called Clark's comments an example of church leaders trying to deflect criticism away from themselves.

"I think this is a very calculated, orchestrated campaign to shift the blame of this public relations and moral disaster onto gay people," said Matt Foreman, a protest organizer. "But this type of abuse has nothing to do with one's sexuality, and this is simply playing to people's worst stereotypes."

Inside St. Patrick's, Bishop William McCormack did not comment on the issue of abuse during Mass.

Joe Zwilling, spokesman for the Archdiocese of New York, had no comment on the demonstration. Earlier in the week he said Clark's comments were his own and did not represent the views of the church.

TLC member dies in car crash while helping kids in Honduras

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes was known as the "crazy one" of the multi-platinum R&B trio TLC. Her animated antics onstage, and her sometimes troublesome personal life, made her perhaps the best-known member of the Grammy-winning group.

But [redacted]ds and associates say while the singer p[redacted]p her volatile reputation, offstage, she spent last few years seeking the tranquility that had eluded her for much of her life.

"Everybody has an image of Lisa. She was the crazy one, the free spirit," said Bill Diggins, TLC's manager. "What she also was this compassionate, soulful woman who loved working in Honduras with underprivileged kids."

Lopes, who was to turn 31 next month, died Thursday night when she apparently lost control of the sports utility vehicle she was driving in the central American country. There were seven other people in the car, but she was the only fatality.

Lopes was arguably the most vibrant member of TLC, the Atlanta-based trio that debuted in 1992 and went on to become the best-selling female group of all time. Her bold rhymes, which touched on everything from sex to self-empowerment, along with her brash attitude, contributed to her image as the wild child of the group. It sharply contrasted with Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins' steely demeanor and Rozanda "Chilli" Thomas' glamorous image.

Sometimes, it seemed as if her stage persona and her real-life personality were the same. At times, she criticized her fellow group members and seemed to display erratic behavior.

She was at her most infamous in 1994 when she was arrested for setting fire to the home of her former fiance, ex-NFL player Andre Rison. She was sentenced to a halfway house and five years probation, plus a $10,000 fine, and was ordered to undergo alcohol and drug rehabilitation, as well as domestic violence counseling.

Jay Marose, a publicist for Lopes, said the experience helped her realize how valuable her life was.

"She was thankful she got that close to the edge because it allowed her to look back at herself and really grow," he said.

Lopes devoted much of her time to charities; in Honduras, she helped promote literacy among the children there, Diggins said.

Two years ago, she adopted a young girl with special needs. The girl is now 9 years old, said Rob Goldstone, a spokesman for TLC.

"Lisa was amazing to her," said Goldstone. The girl was not with Lopes when she died, he added.

But despite motherhood and her charitable efforts, Lopes remained dedicated to her career. After the release of 1999's "Fanmail," she helped create the moderately successful R&B group Blaque, a facsimile of TLC - the female trio even had a rapper modeled after Lopes.

Her attempt at a solo career was less successful. Last year's "Supernova," was only released internationally after it failed to spark interest in the United States; she was working on another solo project for Suge Knight's Tha Row label when she died. In a statement Friday, Knight said he had no plans to release the material at this time, and mourned her as "a rebel. She wasn't afraid to go against the grain."

Besides her own projects, which included a book and a clothing line, Lopes had been working on TLC's fourth disc.

Marose said everything was coming together for Lopes, and she finally had the peace she had sought for so many years.

"She was fulfilled," he said.

Diggins said her family hoped that she would be remembered for her artistic endeavors instead of the sensationalist parts of her life.

"It's interesting, because Lisa, as tiny as she was, she had a bigger-than-life personality. Unfortunately, the bigger-than-life incidents are the ones that stuck with the press," he said.

Max the camel gets a taste of freedom after school visit

SOUTH MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) - Don Hohenfeldt was working in his yard when he saw the two-humped camel loping up the street, pursued by seven police officers and four animal handlers.

"I couldn't believe it," Hohenfeldt said. "I thought it was stuffed, I really did."

It was only Max the camel taking a taste of freedom after an appearance Friday at St. Adalbert School in this Milwaukee suburb.

His handler thought Max was tucked away in his trailer when Max leaped over the man's head and bolted.

Max sprinted down the street to the heart of the suburb's business district.

Police and handlers from Jo-Don Farms in Franksville caught up and cornered him in a U-shaped parking lot while a handler grabbed his reins.

"Our main concern was traffic. At this time of day, there are a lot of cars out," police Lt. Ann Wellens said. "All we need is a camel cruising through there, causing an accident."

Kathy Bennett of Jo-Don Farms said Max, a 3-year-old, "just decided he wanted to go play, and he did."

After the brief escape, Max and several other animals were soon loaded up and on their way to Menomonee Falls for another school visit.

National Briefs

Linebacker rescues man

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) - Atlanta Falcons linebacker Chris Draft helped pull a man from a burning car on Interstate 85 early Sunday, Gwinnett County police said.

The injured man lost control of his car on I-85 northbound at Beaver Ruin Road about 3:30 a.m. His car struck the wall and began rolling backwards, authorities said.

Draft saw the injured driver unconscious and called 911. When he and a friend noticed the vehicle burning, they pulled the man to safety, authorities said.

The unidentified man was taken to a nearby hospital with injuries that weren't considered life-threatening.

About an hour later, an officer investigating the accident was injured when a vehicle traveling by the scene hit his car. He suffered minor injuries. The driver fled the scene but was later arrested, authorities said.

Investigators believe both accidents were alcohol-related.

Tax break for conservation

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate passed an energy bill last week that contains billions of dollars in new tax breaks for conservation and production.

The bill rejects the president's top energy proposal - oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Environmentalists are upset that it doesn't require a boost in the automobile fuel economy.

The bill passed 88-11 on Thursday, with both Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow voting in support.

Meanwhile, the House passed bills designed to extend new protections to workers' pensions and tighten oversight of the accounting industry in response to the Enron Corp. debacle.

The House voted 334-90 Wednesday to approve the bill, which would establish a new regulatory body to oversee the accounting industry and discipline auditors, replacing the current system in which the industry largely polices itself.

Among the Michigan delegation, Reps. Jim Barcia of Bay City and Bart Stupak of Menominee joined the state's Republicans in voting for the bill. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Addison, did not vote.

Toddler saves bus driver

CANTON, S.D. (AP) - Four-year-old Tylor Wood of Canton received a thank you, a plaque and a Big Wheel bike for actions that may have saved a life.

Tylor was riding in a city transit bus on April 3 from day care to preschool when the driver, Marie Beitzel, suffered a heart attack, drove the bus through a garage and was unconscious with her foot pressed firmly on the gas pedal.

Tylor tried to wake Beitzel, who was unconscious and not breathing. When he couldn't, he tried to lift her foot off the gas pedal. When that didn't work, he crawled out the back door of the bus and ran to his day-care center to get help.

Beitzel is out of the hospital and attended a ceremony Friday where Tylor was honored by emergency workers.

Wal-Mart evacuated

HONOLULU (AP) - Fire officials evacuated hundreds of shoppers from a Wal-Mart store in Central Oahu on Friday after 17 workers were sickened by an unknown chemical.

It was the second time in a little more than 12 hours that hazardous materials teams were called to the store in Mililani, Capt. Richard Soo said.

Fourteen employees were stricken Thursday night, and Soo said both cases involved a shipping container that contained household products before they were unloaded.

The employees complained of throat irritation and skin rashes, he said.

The store was tested for ammonia and chlorine, but no traces of the substances were found.

The workers affected Friday were decontaminated, and four were taken to Wahiawa General Hospital.

The employees involved in Thursday night's incident were treated at St. Francis Medical Center-West.

INTERNATIONAL

Disgruntled German teen kills 16 in school shooting

By Melissa Eddy
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ERFURT, Germany (AP) - Life came to an eerie standstill in this eastern German town Saturday as stunned residents came to grips with an unprecedented massacre by a disgruntled teen who burst into his former school and shot 16 people to death before turning his gun on himself.

Robert Steinhaeuser, who apparently harbored deep rage after being expelled, shot as many teachers as he could find on Friday as he marched down the halls of the Johann Gutenberg Gymnasium school in a murderous rampage, loaded down with ammunition and a gun in each hand.

Officials and acquaintances on Saturday described Steinhaeuser as quiet youth from a middle-class home who had troubles at school and a passion for guns that made him a skilled marksman. Investigators found 500 unspent rounds of ammunition near his body Friday, and another 500 rounds at his home.

Steinhaeuser's motive was revenge, police spokesman Achim Kellner said Saturday. The 19-year-old gun enthusiast was angry over being kicked out of the school recently after he faked a doctor's note in an attempt to avoid final exams, officials said.

"This was an act of revenge," said Kellner. He could not say exactly when Steinhaeuser was expelled. "He was generally not a diligent student, he liked to skip classes."

Mourners continued Saturday to express their shock and sorrow, gathering quietly on the lawn in front of the school. Couples held hands, and friends comforted each other.

A huge mound of flowers - tulips, roses, sunflowers, lilies - flowed down the steps of the school's front entrance, where someone had placed a note from the children of Birgit Dietz, one of the slain teachers.

"Mama, I love you. I always have and I always will, even though you've been taken away," the note read.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder visited the school Saturday to pay tribute, placing a large white and yellow bouquet on top of the other flowers. His hands clasped in front of him, Schroeder stood silently amid a steady rain before moving on to attend a memorial service for the victims at St. Mary's cathedral in Erfurt.

Flags flew at half-staff throughout the country Saturday, and Schroeder's party canceled an election rally. Police in Erfurt said they were questioning relatives of the gunman as well as students.

Robert Steinhaeuser lived with his grandparents in a tidy, middle-class Erfurt neighborhood of renovated row houses. Lisa Engelhardt, who lives next door, said his parents did not live together but that Robert's father came over on weekends, and the whole family would have a barbecue in the garden.

"The Steinhaeusers were always friendly people," she said. "He (Robert) seemed very normal."

But witnesses drew a much darker picture, saying Steinhaeuser wore black clothes, gloves and a mask as he roamed the school with a pistol and a pump-action shotgun. In a massacre lasting perhaps 10 minutes, he killed a 15-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, 13 teachers and a policeman who had responded to an alert by the school janitor, police said. The dead were found lying in hallways, some in bathrooms.

In addition to 17 dead, 10 people were injured, but none critically.

Steinhaeuser's rampage was apparently put to an end by a courageous history teacher who ripped off his mask and pushed him into a classroom, Kellner said. Startled, Steinhaeuser locked himself in the room and then shot himself.

Christian Becker, who was in class when the shooting began, said he looked out the window and saw Steinhaeuser shoot a teacher point-blank in the parking lot.

"She was running for her car and she tripped, and he shot her in the leg," the 19-year-old Becker said Saturday. "He ran over and shot her three times in the head with his pistol and ran back into the school."

Another student, Dominik Ulbricht, also was in class when the shooting begin.

"I thought it was fireworks. Then the door opened, and a masked man came through the door. The teacher was standing there, and he shot her through the head, through her glasses," Ulbricht said, tears welling up in his eyes. "I ran and didn't look back."

Thirteen instructors - a quarter of the school's teaching body - were among the victims. Bernhard Vogel, governor of Thuringia state, said at a news conference Saturday that Steinhaeuser had deliberately targeted teachers.

"In many cases, the victims were shot in the head. He clearly was a trained marksman," Vogel said, adding that Steinhaeuser failed his final exams last year and "could have repeated them this year had he not been expelled."

Steinhaeuser was a member of two gun clubs, had obtained his weapons legally and had no criminal record, Manfred Scherer, a state security official, said. The assailant's mother, during questioning by police, said she had seen no warning signs in her son's behavior.

Police earlier said Steinhaeuser had a license to possess weapons, but that it limited him to handling guns only at shooting clubs and did not permit him to carry weapons in public. He also liked to play handball, acquaintances said.

One of the gun clubs that Steinhaeuser belonged to was unusually quiet on Saturday, devoid of the usual crowd that comes for weekend target practice, locals said. The club - the Domblick Schiessverein - is where East German police once trained.

Elsewhere, too, the city was quiet. Hundreds of people waited silently in a long line at Erfurt City Hall to sign a condolence book. The square in front of St. Mary's cathedral - which turns into a colorful and bustling market on Saturdays - was empty.

The Erfurt death toll nearly matched that of the 1996 shooting at an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, where 16 children, a teacher and the gunman died. Fifteen people, included two teen-age gunmen, died in the April 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, in the United States.

Germany's only comparable violence since World War II was a terrorist attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, in which 17 died.

But it was Germany's second school shooting in two months. In February, a 22-year-old German who had recently lost his job shot and killed two former bosses and his old high school's principal outside Munich.

Erfurt is a city of about 200,000 located in former communist East Germany. The school, housed in a stately, turn-of-the-century building, has a high academic reputation, with about 700 students in grades five through 12.

Officials said a national memorial service would be held next Friday.

International Briefs

British teens acquitted

LONDON (AP) - The father of slain schoolboy Damilola Taylor believes two teens acquitted of killing his son were guilty of the murder, a British newspaper reported Sunday.

"All the evidence in the case is pointing an accusing finger at them," The Independent on Sunday quoted Richard Taylor as saying. "They did it."

A jury on Thursday acquitted the two teenage brothers, whose identities were kept secret, of murdering Damilola in a run-down London housing project. His death prompted national soul-searching about the problems of inner cities.

Prosecutors said four boys slashed Damilola's thigh with a broken bottle, severing an artery, and jammed a marble down his throat. The boys allegedly left Damilola bleeding and crying for help.

A judge ordered two defendants acquitted during the trial, citing weak evidence, and a jury found the remaining two innocent of murder, manslaughter and assault with intent to rob.

Lord Goldsmith, the attorney general, has ordered a review of the way prosecutors handled the trial in hopes of finding out whether any lessons can be learned from the case.

Damilola's parents, politicians and the British media have criticized Scotland Yard's investigation of the killing and prosecutors for taking the case to trial with insufficient evidence.

Pakistani beheaded Sunday

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - A Pakistani man convicted of killing a compatriot with a knife was beheaded Sunday in eastern Saudi Arabia, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Ghaleb bin Mohammed Akram al-Haq entered the home of Hafez bin Mohammed Abdul Sitar and stabbed him in the stomach with a knife and then killed him by cutting his throat. Al-Haq told police he committed the crime because of his hatred for Abdul Sitar.

Al-Haq was executed in the eastern city of Jubail. He is the ninth person to be put to death this year in the kingdom.

Last year, at least 81 people were beheaded in the oil-rich Arab nation, which follows a strict interpretation of Islam and imposes the death penalty for murder, rape, drug trafficking and armed robbery. Saudi Arabia is also one of the United States' closest Arab allies.

Executions are performed in public with a sword.

Crash kills wedding guests

HYDERABAD, India (AP) - A truck carrying wedding guests collided head-on with another truck, killing at least 30 people in the southeastern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, police said Sunday.

The bride and the bridegroom were among those killed instantly when the trucks collided Saturday night and turned over on the highway near the town of Adilabad, 130 miles north of the state capital Hyderabad, a police spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity.

More than 60 people were hospitalized with injuries.

The accident occurred as about 100 wedding guests were returning home after the marriage ceremonies.

Traffic accidents are common on Indian highways, where there are no speed limits and truck and bus drivers tend to drive erratically.

Volunteers from nearby villages helped rescue many of the survivors and take the injured to hospital.

Traffic on the highway was disrupted and nearly one hundred vehicles were stranded as rescue efforts lasted through the night, police said.

Bomb kills market goers

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) - At least nine people were killed Sunday when an explosive device was detonated at an outdoor market in the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz, officials said Sunday.

The device was planted near the entrance to the market at a stall selling flowers, NTV television reported.

According to doctors at two Vladikavkaz hospitals, at least nine people were killed and 36 were injured in the blast.

"It was a terrorist act," regional Interior Minister Kazbek Dazntiyev said. "The device contained 18 ounces of TNT," he said.

According to Russian Interior Ministry officials in Moscow, the bomb had been placed inside an iron pipe used as a barrier to allow motor vehicles into and out of the market, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Vladimir Kravchenko, head of the northern Caucasus prosecutor's office, said an investigation has been opened into charges of terrorism and murder.

He speculated that the blast might have been set off to destabilize the region during Sunday's presidential elections in the neighboring republic of Ingushetia.

In November, an explosion at another outdoor market on the outskirts of Vladikavkaz killed five people and injured 60.

Vladikavkaz, located in the republic of North Ossetia 940 miles southeast of Moscow, borders on the breakaway republic of Chechnya, where Russian troops have been battling rebels.

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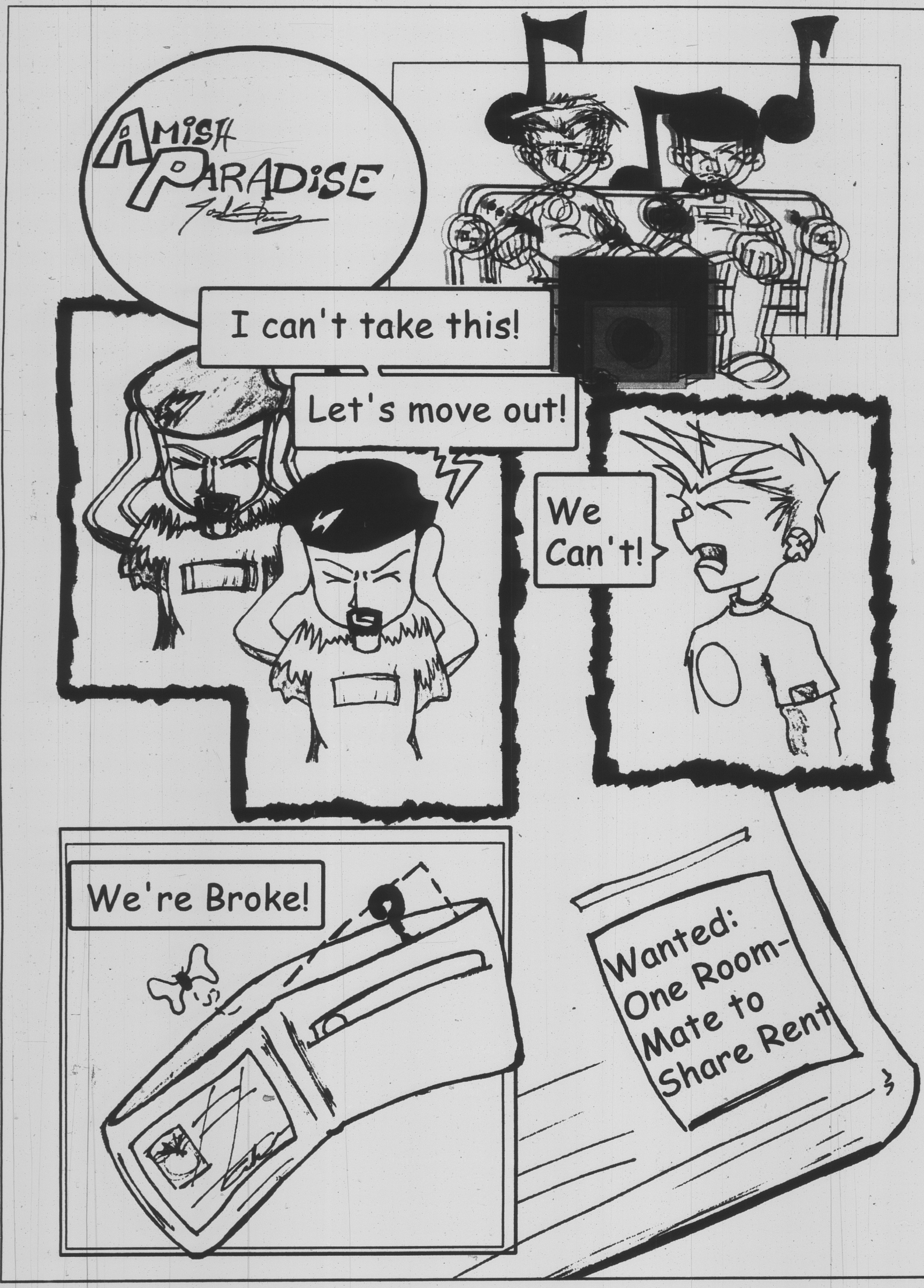
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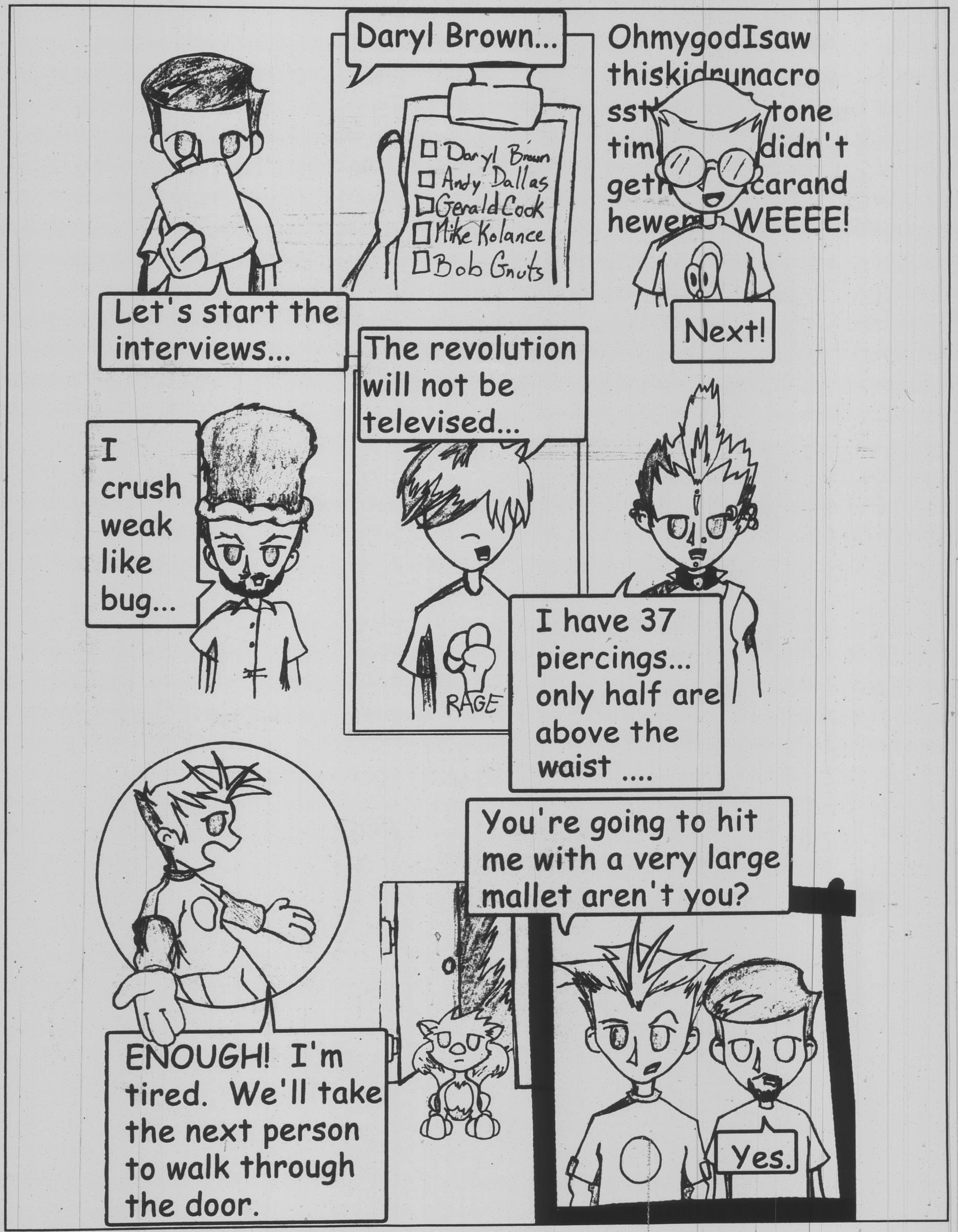
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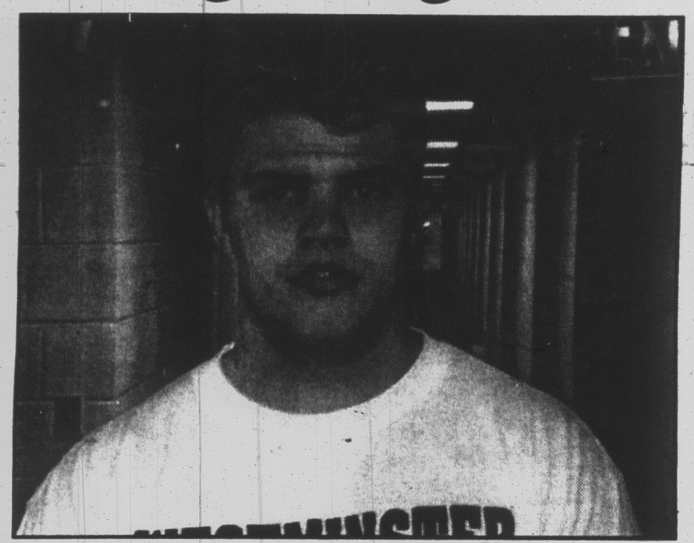
SPORTS

Recognizing outstanding sports seniors



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Cory Shaw

By Bobby Fisher
Staff Writer

Name: Cory Shaw
Sport: Football

1) Notable achievements since freshman year:
Twice-named Defensive Player of the Week
Twice-named Special Teams Player of the Week
PAC Coach's Honors 2001

2) What's your most memorable moment as a Titan athlete?
There are many, but a specific moment was when we were playing Thiel this year. They were on our two yard line with the chance to score with only like 6 seconds left. If they would have scored, we would have lost. But I rushed in and caused a fumble that was recovered by Charles "Cheif" Kiger. We ended up winning the game 15-10.

3) What do you think was the best part about Titan athletics?
I would say the best part is meeting other Titan athletes and creating a family atmosphere.

Photo by Craig Carlin

James Houser

4) What will you miss most?
I will definitely miss the adrenaline rush before and throughout the game.

5) Was there ever a time when you thought you were going to quit or that you couldn't handle the pressure?
No, I just wanted to perform well both on the football field and in the classroom, so I worked hard at both.

6) What advice do you have to future Westminster athletes?
Hit the books hard, but have fun while you're here because it goes fast.

Name: James Houser
Sport: Soccer

1) Big achievements since freshman year:
GLIAC Conference All Academic Team 1999 and 2000
Peter Mackey Memorial Scholarship, awarded for Christian leader-

see SPORTS SENIORS page 21

Outstanding senior athlete Matt Rodjom

By Brian Wilson
Sports Writer

Matt Rodjom is a senior distance runner on the track team and one of the top business administration majors graduating in a few weeks.

But for those of us who have had even the most mundane contact with him, he is so much more.

During the fall of our sophomore year, Matt was diagnosed with Lieber's disease, a degenerative condition in the optic nerve. Over the next six months, he lost over half of his vision.

Not to be caught in the downward spiral, Matt reacted by switching his major from chemistry to business administration and through the use of specialized, sometimes experimental learning equipment and improvised techniques, adapted and regained control his life.

Two years later, he has been accepted to numerous MBA programs including Duquesne and Gannon and continues to compete on the track and field team. He recently set a personal best time of 17:21 in the 5000 meter run.

"A lot of people have been there for me, my team, my fraternity and many of my professors along the way. Never lose hope, and remember it's not the hand you're dealt, but how you play it that matters," Rodjom said.

Contributed Photo

Matthew Rodjom

See page 21 for more senior sports information.

The Sports Gal

By Meredith Etcher
Sports Editor

For the past two and a half years, I have written a sports column for the *Holcad* every week. I have complained, praised, commented and given my opinion about a wide range of topics.

Many times, my biases for Cleveland sports, Duke basketball and Ohio State football have shown through, but I have tried to be fair in most cases. For my final column for the *Holcad*, I would like to thank some people and organizations for their support and for supplying material for this column.

To all Cleveland sports: thanks for the good games, especially when beating Pittsburgh. That was always an amusing column to write, but I received many, many comments when the games went the other way.

To all Pittsburgh sports: thanks for blowing games and giving me material. I will never like the Pirates or the Steelers, but I have learned to not talk as much trash about Cleveland before the games because it has come back to bite me many times.

To the Westminster athletic department: thanks for being the subject of so many columns. I have given my opinion about many issues in this department, and the coaches and staff have taken it well. I also apologize to the sports that didn't get as much coverage as they deserved and hope that this does not continue next year. Thank you to the coaches, especially Coach Klamut, who updated me on their teams' events so I would make sure to give them the article they deserved. Thanks to all of the teams that I have had the honor of watching and cheering for during the last four years.

To the graduating class of 2002: thanks for all the good times, the wins, the losses and everything in between. We have been through it all and we have been faithful to this school. I still think that we should be compensated for our years with the new letter jackets, but I have already given my opinion about that. The subject I have discussed the most in my column is about the transition to Division III, and I can't say enough about how proud we should be to have stuck through these times. Our class has built a great tradition in the PAC and we should be happy to see the results of our work in the years (and PAC championships) to come.

To Coach Tammy Swearingen: thanks for letting me play volleyball and be a part of the Titan tradition. As I have said before, volleyball has been a huge part of my life since I was in junior high. My college experience was a perfect end to my volleyball career. Also, thanks for filling me in on news in the athletic department and for opening so many doors for me. I couldn't thank you enough.

To the *Holcad* staff: thanks for tolerating so many missed deadlines and late columns. I'm sorry for not being the most diligent sports editor, but I hope that I haven't been too much of a hassle. I wish for you that next year's sports editor, Jason Cooper, is a great addition to the staff. I also hope that he's a Cleveland sports fan. Also, thank you to Shannon Simmons, my roommate, who has had to deal with the clicking of my keyboard on many late nights as I try to produce a column while she is trying to sleep. I hope I haven't cost you too many sleepless nights.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am proud to have been a Titan athlete. It was nothing like I expected, but it was one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of my life so far. I am also proud to have been a member of the *Holcad* staff. Westminster has given me many opportunities to be a part of wonderful organizations, and I will always be thankful for that gift.

Titan baseball improves record to 21-6

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – The baseball team improved its record to 21-6 overall and 12-4 against teams from the Presidents' Athletic Conference yesterday in New Wilmington, where they swept conference rival Washington & Jefferson College in a home doubleheader. The Titans took the first game in a come-from-behind victory by a score of 5-4, and defeated the Presidents in the nightcap by a score of 10-3. With the wins, the Titan diamondmen stretched their winning streak to 11 games.

The first game saw W&J take a 4-1 lead through four innings before the Titans started a rally in the fifth. They scored two runs in the fifth to make it 4-3, and then added two runs in the home half of the seventh for the walk-off win. Getting the win on the mound for Westminster was sophomore Pat Boyle who came into the game in the fourth inning to relieve starter Craig Rechichar. Rechichar pitched 3 2/3 innings giving up four runs on eight hits before giving the ball to Boyle, now 10-1, who pitched 3 1/3 hitless innings striking out five batters. On the offensive side, the Titans were led by freshman Kevin Gesacion who went 2-for-3 with two singles, and three RBIs. Sophomore Justin Joseph went 2-for-3 with two singles, two runs scored and one run batted in. Junior Kevin Humberston went 1-for-4 and drove in two runs in the win.

In the second game, W&J and Westminster were tied (3-3) after three innings, and then it was all Westminster after that. The Titans scored seven unanswered runs to clinch the 10-3 victory over the Presidents. Getting the win for Westminster was freshman Bryan Hilbert who came into the game in relief of classmate Michael Mackin who pitched the first two innings. Mackin gave up three runs on four hits with one strikout before Hilbert took over giving up no runs, one hit and striking out five batters. At the plate, Westminster was led by junior Kevin Culp who went 3-for-3 including a home run, two singles, and two RBIs. Also with multiple hits for the Titans were sophomore Niels Jorgensen who went 2-for-3 with a double, single and four RBIs, and Gesacion who went 2-for-4 with a double, single and one run batted in.

Men's golf posts top score at PAC match

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The men's and women's golf teams competed yesterday and today at the two-day Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships, hosted by Bethany College at Speidel Golf Club in Wheeling, W.Va. Westminster is not eligible for team of individual titles at the PAC Championships due to its continuing reclassification from NCAA Division II.

The Titan men posted the top score out of the six teams present, firing a four-man, 36-hole total of 322-324-646 to top Washington & Jefferson (653), Grove City (666), Waynesburg (696), Thiel (752) and Bethany (756). Individually, four Titans earned PAC Coaches Honors for 2002 after finishing in the Top 10 in individual competition.

Leading the way was senior Jim McGovern, who fired the best score at the tournament for the second year in a row with an 80-76-156 to win by three strokes. Junior Drew Aufderheide shot 80-82-162 to place fifth overall. Junior Dave Blazek was sixth with an 82-81-163, while freshman Scott Voelker placed eighth with an 84-81-165. Rounding out the Titan scores was freshman Matt Faccenda with 94-86-180.

The Lady Titan golf team concluded its first-ever varsity season by placing third out of four teams at the PAC Championships. Westminster shot a four-person, 18-hole score of 251-212-463, behind PAC champion Washington & Jefferson (396) and Grove City (422) and ahead of Thiel (533).

For the Lady Titans, a pair of individuals earned PAC Coaches Honors for posting Top 10 individual finishes. Junior Jodi Grissett tied for seventh overall with a team-best 61-47-108, while sophomore McKenzie Crowell finished ninth with 61-56-117. Other Lady Titan finishers included freshman Katie Etzel (with 68-52-120, sophomore Megan Welty with 64-57-121, and sophomore Rena Paroz with 65-57-122.

Track members post individual wins

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. - The men's and women's track and field teams both competed at the Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. Westminster did not have a team score kept at the event, as the College is ineligible for individual and team titles due to its continuing reclassification from Division II to Division III.

On the men's side, two Titans were multiple winners. Senior Jacob Gleason captured both the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs while placing second in the 1,500 meter run. Sophomore Matt Steve posted the top times in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Three other Titans recorded single victories: senior Ron Brown in the long jump, junior Dan Beckwith in the 800 meter run and freshman Brad Zerbe in the 1,500 meter run. The Titan men also won the 4x400 meter relay (3:26.42).

For the Lady Titans, two athletes were double winners. Senior Ashley Pyle recorded the top times in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, while junior Katie Spehar was the top finisher in the 800 and 1,500 meter runs. Freshman Katie McKissick won the 400 meter hurdles and placed second in the 100 meter hurdles, while junior Briana Palko finished first in the high jump. The Lady Titans also captured the 4x100 meter relay (:52.07).

The men's and women's track and field teams close the 2002 season at the Grove City College Invitational tomorrow (May 4) in Grove City, Pa.

Westminster represented in Hall of Fame

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – Westminster College had a pair of representatives among the 12 inductees in the Class of 2002 of the Lawrence County Historical Society Sports Hall of Fame. Among the honorees was long-time Westminster coach Gene Nicholson and former Lady Titan two-sport standout Pam Beatty.

Nicholson is best known for his 31 years as a member of the Titan football coaching staff (1969-1999), serving the first 22 years as defensive coordinator and the last eight as head coach (64-25-2). He was a member of the coaching staff for all six NAIA National Championship teams at the College, including leading the '94 Titans to the national crown as head coach. In addition to his football coaching laurels, he also served as head coach for swimming, track and field, men's tennis and wrestling. Currently, he serves as head men's golf coach and assistant track and field coach at the college.

Beatty, a local product of Mohawk High School in New Castle, starred in both basketball and softball at Westminster. She remains the Westminster career leader in assists (550 from 1987-91) and single season leader in assists (176 in 1990-91). A four-time All-District performer (honorable mention as a freshman and sophomore, second team as a junior and senior), she also served two years as team captain. In softball, she still holds the school record for runs scored in a season (47 in 1990) and served as team captain as a senior. She is a computer teacher and head softball coach at Mohawk.

For more sports information:
http://www.westminster.edu/Athletics/index.html

This Week in Sports

Saturday, 5/4/02

TF at Grove City Invitational - 11 a.m.

BB VS. FROSTBURG STATE (2) - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 5/5/02

BB VS. POINT PARK - 1 p.m.

* - Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) opponent

Home events in Bold CAPS

OPINION

Rant and Rave

"Will we ever have French Vanilla Cappuccino in the TUB ever again?"

"It's not fair that the school capitalizes off of my meal plan. Bonus meals are unjust. I pay for my meals. I should be able to use them how I want."

"My eyebrows are growing at an incredible rate."

"Why won't capstone just go away?"

"It is impossible for me to see a doctor or get a prescription in the town of New Wilmington after 5 p.m."

"Night classes interfere with my social life."

"You always say such interesting things."

"You're cursing a blue streak, my friend. What's up?"

"Do girlfriends mean NOTHING? I don't understand how people can stay in relationships when they are obviously interested in someone else."

"Inconceivable!"

"I am so tired of people telling me I will have no problem finding a job. Somehow my experience doesn't seem to matter since NO ONE will hire me."

"More please."

"Every time I turn on a computer in the lab it freezes up on me. I think it's a conspiracy."

"Holcad Super Terrific Happy Fun Hour was Super Terrific Happy Fun."

"That Cheeto crunched up good."

"It would have been nice if someone would have notified me that the dryer was broken before I did two loads of laundry."

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the Westminster community. The Holcad does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: No really, it's our view

By Heidi Krieger
Co-editor in chief

First of all, Westminster made me a prep. I was never a prep. Maybe I'll regain my originality after I leave.

I guess this is where I tell you everything I've learned since that's what we made the rest of the staff do.

I must say the most important thing I learned throughout my years here, is that to gain the most from your education you have to go above and beyond.

When I came here I wanted to be an English major, but I didn't know what I was supposed to do with it, so I thought I'd teach. This thought lasted me an entire week.

I landed a position at the Holcad my sophomore year and decided that beyond a doubt this was the thing I wanted to do with my life. One problem: we don't have a journalism major.

From that point on I got the internships and took independent studies in order to be prepared to enter the workforce after graduation (no I do not have a job yet. Does anyone?), and I truly feel I am.

I guess the point of the story is that you can tailor your education here to support your needs and we have the type of faculty that will back you up. Your education can become whatever you want it to be.

That said, my internship experience has given me a new awareness of what an apprenticeship could teach me. I sometimes wonder if I would have been better off that way?

Maybe. Maybe not. College has been more than just an education, but preparation for the world outside our Amish town. I love Westminster. I'm glad I came. It'll be sad to leave, but there's a whole, big world out there, and I'm ready... I think.

By Andrea Majot
Co-editor in chief

At this point in time, I wish I had something intelligent or at least interesting to say, but you're pumping a dry well here.

After four years of classwork, homework, group work and Holcad work, I really can't be expected to spit out a rational, meaningful sentence ever again. I'm kind of miffed too. Here was my big chance to launch personal attacks on everyone who's ever crossed my path, or to list all my friends and acquaintances so everyone would be impressed with how popular I am. I'm really tired though, and there's a pile of dirty dishes on top of my microwave like you wouldn't believe.

It's probably all for the best. For anyone who doesn't know me, I'm a bit of a loose cannon. Yup, never know what I'll say next, but I do have all this blank space left ...

I remember my first Inquiry class, thinking I was in way over my head. I was too young, too inexperienced, and came from too poor an educational background to make it here.

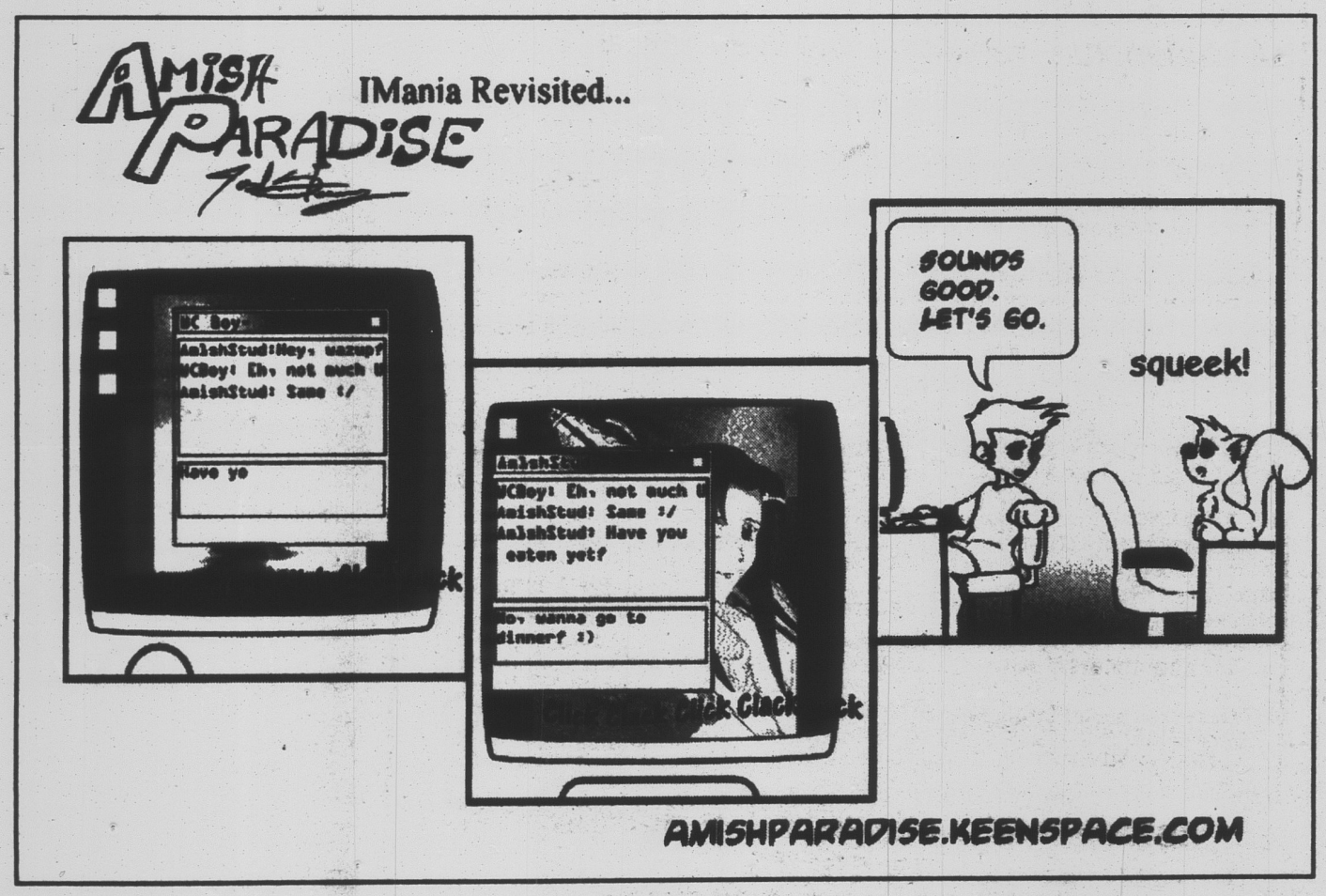
But then I found that I could talk about literature, culture and politics without being ashamed of my intellectual leanings.

I found a community of people who believed in education for its own sake and who reinforced what my parents had always taught me: that excellence is its own reward.

In spite of my initial misgivings, this place has given me enough room to explore on my own, and enough good sense to nudge me back on track when I wandered too far.

If I had it all to do over again, I would make the same choice. This is the place to be and I am sorry to leave it.

Thanks to all the faculty who made the world and the English language a little less scary. Now find me a job or I'll move in with you.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

When I read the story of campus security removing the sign from Jim Needle's dorm window over spring break, I was outraged at the lack of civil liberties practiced by the law enforcement of this campus. As a future lawyer, I would like to inform the campus community of the civil liberties entitled to you and to encourage you to demand they be followed.

To start out the first amendment states exactly:

"Article I. Congress shall make no law respecting [...] or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;[...], and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

As an eighteen year old is legally considered an adult in the court of law (able to hold contracts), the article would apply to them, but it gets more complicated than that. Article four of the constitution states:

"Article IV. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

This gives people security to enjoy their own homes. Law enforcement must obtain a warrant from a judge and must notify a resident of the search. Residents must also sign the warrant showing that they accept the terms. This case looks to be cut and dry but it is not. The college would argue dorms are not under student ownership, also since the college owns the residence halls, they have a right to inspect them at will. But, the items in the room are the property of the resident him/herself, not the college. Therefore, the sign could not be legally seized by the college. This same idea is one used in apartments and rented properties. The provision is written in this way to protect the people who do not own property. This means campus security would have to obtain permission from an administrator to enter the room and would have to notify the resident of the exact reasons why they were entering the room. Security clearly overstepped this with its handling of the Needle incident. The sign might have been offensive and in bad taste; but, the system was set up to protect all citizens, not just the ones who follow the pack without question. Westminster is committed to teaching responsible citizenship and in doing so, should set an example by respecting national laws and the integrity of the students who go here. Westminster is not an island or a fascist state exempt from the law. Instead, it has a responsibility to uphold the base honor of such a system and to be an example for the young minds in its charge. Westminster should also be a pillar for the community.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Sue Kapus

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Graduating late is normal; everyone else is a geek

By Maria Sanchez-Traynor
Rocky Mountain Collegian (Colorado State U.)

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — There's nothing wrong with graduating late.

While several of my freshman-year colleagues head out into the real world, I'll be waving them adieu as I lag behind in the graduation race. As they're busily preparing their invitations, buying their caps and gowns and trying to figure out what the heck they're going to do with the rest of their lives, I don't have any of these worries.

I don't have a problem with it, but it seems like the rest of the world does. People who don't graduate in four years become labeled as "lazy" or "stupid" just because they can't get out in time. I have been preached at long enough, and if you're in my place, I'm sure you're sick of it, too.

So if you're in my boat and are being teased by your friends, here are the top five comebacks to hit them with:

1. You're normal. That's right, most people don't graduate in four years. You are one of the college populace's majority. So don't feel like you're the only one who's sticking around. All those geeky friends who are getting out in time are actually abnormal. From personal experience, it makes you feel better to tell them that they are abnormal on their cards.

2. You have a life. Sure, your friends may be saving time and money by getting out earlier, but chances are that their noses were stuck in a book the whole time. You understand that college is about more than just graduating. Maybe you studied abroad, maybe you had a full-time job, maybe you got really involved with a campus organization, maybe you dropped classes because you couldn't wake up after partying the night before. Regardless of the reason, the reason you're not getting out is because you were busy. Can your graduation-happy friends say the same thing?

3. What's the hurry? Sure, the student loans and rental property bills might be adding up. But look on the bright side — the job market isn't the greatest right now. While your friends are rushing into an unsteady job market, you have the safety and comfort of at least one more semester before you have to figure things out yourself. I bet they're a heck of a lot more stressed out than you are.

4. You're not just graduating to graduate. You've probably put some time into your future career. You've probably switched majors, took some time off to think about where you want to go or just took fewer credits and focused on them. Sure, your friends have a degree, but is it what they really want to do? You're taking the time to figure that out.

5. It's nobody's business anyway. Who the heck cares if you don't graduate in time? It's your life, your money and your time. If you don't graduate on time, you're the one who will be responsible, no one else. So why should anyone care?

So, you see, there's nothing wrong with graduating late. You're a normal person who isn't afraid to say, "wait a minute — it's not my time just yet." Don't let your friends give you any trouble because they're getting out and you're not. You don't have to have a pang of jealousy as you're sitting through the ceremony.

Just remember they're abnormal geeks with no lives, and you'll be just fine.

Attention faculty and staff:

Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus?

If so, contact *The Holcad* at EXT. 7224 or e-mail holcad@westminster.edu to write a guest editorial.

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E-mail letter to: **holcad@westminster.edu.**

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Dell and Domske go to the movies

Roll the End Credits

Brad Dell

Four years, 40 classes, 40 some shows, and 90 or so Holcads later, I have arrived on the other side ... freshly birthed (ahh...the metaphor continues) from the bubble of New Wilmington ready to take on the mighty, frothy world at every turn of the corner and every swipe of the sword.

'Tis a time to be emotional, weepy, joyful and reminiscent ... I shall do you all proud and let no one down ... and, kiddos, I can swing a bat with the weepiest slugger there ever was.

I have no particular cinematic venture to scoff at or praise on this fine Friday ... but oh, folks what a fun ride I've taken you all on these past nine months. We've soared through Hogwarts and Middle Earth, survived K-Pax and the purple rhino, laughed at the Brit, cried at the Bubble, cowered from OTIS, and applauded Denzel.

It's truly been my great joy to be your captain on this cinematic voyage of our time.

Before I hang up my cute little pilot's hat and head for that lovely theatre seat in the sky (no, I'm not dying ... but it sounded dramatic) here are a few words of wisdom, advice and sheer rave to keep at your side as you travel afoot or stay behind and either way may your days be filled with all the best for you.

First never go far without your favorite film. For me, that's *Fried Green Tomatoes* ... this darling little flick will bring you joy and save you from pains and ails. Enjoy yours like your last trip to the TUB or your last shower in Eich. These things come rare in life.

You will forget things about Westminster ... but friends, some images, objects are forever, like Ryan Saeler's flannel coat, the first color *Holcad*, geese poo around the lake, orange fence around ... everything, the gateway to Hell outside of Patterson, your last blue book exam, and the lake mower. Place these images in that special place in your head ... somewhere between The Allegory of the Cave ... and oh ... what you learned in senior capstone.

Take a moment everyone to look around you and enjoy the people who make your day less like bologna and more like filet mignon. These fellow students and treasured professors are the appetizers of our lives. Perhaps the main course has yet to arrive, and dessert is 30 years down the road. But I'm always in for some provolone sticks and chicken quesadillas. Right now ... get full on what's in front of you. Tell these delicious souls how much they warm your hearts and clog your arteries. The by-pass is years away ... be fruitful ... bon apetite!

Don't ever forget the cinema. Wherever you go, whatever you do ... always know there's a place that will charge you more for a bag of popcorn than you'd pay for an extra value meal. All kidding aside (yeah right) there are few things in life more than movies and theatre that can remind us that we are human beings with dreams, goals, passions and aspirations (not to mention an extreme desire to laugh our hoo-haws off). Dive into your your lives ... and allow yourselves to be inspired.

And now, I must be off, the great land of Dixie calls ... think of me in the Big Easy.

I give Westminster four truly kickin' years ... thanks baby! Until next time, kiddos, the curtain is closed...

Tyler Domske

Few things in life are as beautiful as conclusion. The culmination of events, large or small, that have led up to something mediocre, something disastrous, or perhaps even something fabulous. The truth is though, often in life we are struck with events that are altogether none of those three things, falling amid the large gaps between them. Far less often, we come upon conclusions that are an amalgam of all three, perplexingly fantastic, mediocre and disastrous all at once.

Don't know what I'm talking about? Ask a senior. These are the final days. Friends we have made that we think will last forever, might very well not last much longer than the next few weeks.

Reality butts in, like an angry mom at an elementary sleepover sticking her head in the door to tell ever one, "Quiet down! It's way past your bedtime, and you have to get up early." The party is over, though it was certainly not the type of party that any of us were expecting.

Time to face the sunlight, it's a new day, and we are now forced into the light, coming out of Plato's cave to let our eyes at last fall on what is real, to experience it first-hand rather than to just be told. Now is the time to tie up those shoes and leave behind some of our fantasy and dreams, but stuff your pockets full of as much of it as you can while you are still here, you never know when it may come in handy.

Well, that said, I am suddenly reminded that this is to be a movie review, not a graduation speech, so I best get to some reviewing. Here's a blanket review for every single thing that is out in the theaters right now: it stinks. The last few months have been a barren wasteland of pop star fluff and IQ-lowering drivel. Alas, the summer looms radiantly around the corner, and I encourage all of you to start shaking those piggy banks for change for *Spiderman*, and whip out the sledge hammer for May 16th's *Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones*. My prediction is best *Star Wars* ever. Trust me.

So for this last review, I suggested to Bradly that we review our three favorite movies. Little did I realize how hard this task is. I am torn between picking my three favorites (a task that is not to be sniffed at) or to try to wow you with some obscure choices. I have decided to not sell out and go with the former. So now I must make Sophie's choice: here goes, in no real order.

Citizen Kane (1941): This movie is often touted as the greatest film ever made, and I would be one to agree. Every moment of this film is beautiful, from the opening shot of a No Trespassing sign, to the closing shot of: a No Trespassing sign. The real tragedy of the film is that it ruined the career of 25-year-old writer, director and star Orson Welles. Kane was lambasted when it was originally released in 1941, mostly because of its striking similarities to the most feared man in Hollywood at the time, William Randolph Hearst. All controversy aside though, the film is like a great novel. In the end, nothing is really explained when you think about it. The real wonder is the technique, the direction, the plot structure and the acting. This film is perfect in a way that no film has yet been able to equal (though I could list several that have come darn close). Once you can see what is so great about this movie (whether it's your cup of tea or not), you will be able to see the whole of cinema in a brand new way.

Ghostbusters (1984): So how do you follow *Citizen Kane* with *Ghostbusters?* Like this: If you haven't seen *Ghostbusters* (and I don't know who that would be), you are really missing out. If you have seen it, see it again, but with new eyes. You'll find there is a lot more to this film than Bill Murray's sarcasm and Slimer. This is a movie that did everything perfectly, so much so that Hollywood has been trying to copy it with thousands of comedies since. Try to think of another film that has the perfect balance of great characters, great comedy ("Okay, so, she's a dog."), great special effects (even for today's standards, a lot of the ghosts in this film are far more real-looking than half of the CG stuff Hollywood loves so much), great plot, great acting and even great music. The whole package is tight. Every line is quotable, and it's the kind of movie you could practically watch once a day for the rest of your life and never really get tired of it (well, I could anyway). The only other film of this comedy-action genre that even compares is *Back to the Future*, another classic.

Pinocchio (1940): Raise your eyebrows all you want, but this movie is brilliant. It is one of the most bizarre films ever made. I implore you all, watch this film again now that you are grown up. It's insane. Let me pontificate a bit. Everyone is all up in arms about a talking wooden boy, yet no one sees anything wrong with a talking fox and cats wearing clothes. Little boys are stolen, taken to a magical place called Pleasure Island, where smoking and drinking results in you turning into a donkey. Put that on a no smoking ad, you stupid Truth people. Then to top it off, Pinocchio comes back home to find that his dad has gone and gotten himself swallowed by a whale. Classical paradigm it ain't. The best part about this movie is that it is one that Disney would never make today. It's too weird, too scary and has booze in it. Kinda like the crows in my other favorite Disney flick, *Dumbo*. Two of the scariest scenes in this movie, Stromboli's rage and Lampwick turning into a donkey, still give me chills. Watch in the dark alone, I dare you.

Now because I really can't just keep it at three, let me leave you with some other great films to check out at your leisure: *Fight Club, The Godfather, Princess Mononoke, The Empire Strikes Back, Charade, Midnight Run, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Out of Sight, Return to Oz,*

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Beth's lists for life: things to do when life is too serious

By Beth Staley
A&E Editor

Before signing off as your Arts and Entertainment Editor, I offer you my advice on how to find happiness in life. Burn your Chicken Soup for the Soul Books (they're no good anyway) and refer to this article for inspiration, hope, and above all—humor.

Here is my list of things to do when life becomes too serious:

1. Imitate a road cone. This activity will help you to realize how special being a human is.

2. Bring a pack of bubble gum to work and enlist your co-workers in a bubble-blowing-contest.

3. Use punching balloons on a regular basis. They relieve stress and strengthen your arms. I used them for rehabilitation after I broke my arm (it was my own idea).

4. Find a fast-food restaurant with large windows. Keep driving around the restaurant while beeping your horn and waving to everyone in it. Then order some chicken nuggets.

5. Buy a pack of swirly twirly straws and try to incorporate them into eating every meal. Totally forget about silverware. Keep the straws with you at all times.

Here is my list of things to do when you need hope in life:

1. Imagine that you were a llama in your past life, and you will realize how lucky you really are in this life.

2. Go fly a kite. It worked in *Mary Poppins*. Plus, it really is an uplifting thing to do.

3. When you get a newspaper, always read the comics first. They contain the most important messages. The rest of the paper is usually depressing anyway.

4. Listen to the Beatles. Watch their films. Read their books. Become obsessed with the Beatles. You will find happiness. All you need is love.

5. If you're having trouble with your faith, imagine Jesus as the first hippie. He wore sandals and loose clothes. He had long hair. He told his friends to leave home and hang out on the road with him. On the road they told stories, made more friends and shared their food. He talked about love and peace all the time. Sounds like a commune to me! Man, who doesn't want to at least consider Jesus?

Finally, here is a list of things to do in your spare time:

1. Make a movie in pig Latin with English subtitles. Show it in the Down Under as a foreign film.

2. If you're tired of waiting in a long line somewhere, engage yourself in an argument with your coat. Suddenly, the line will move very quickly. People will want you to leave.

3. Place marshmallow peeps on a paper plate. Microwave on high for 1 to 2 minutes. Let stand for 1 minute. Hang on wall.

4. Ask your department if you may get college credit for an internship with the Easter Bunny or Santa Claus.

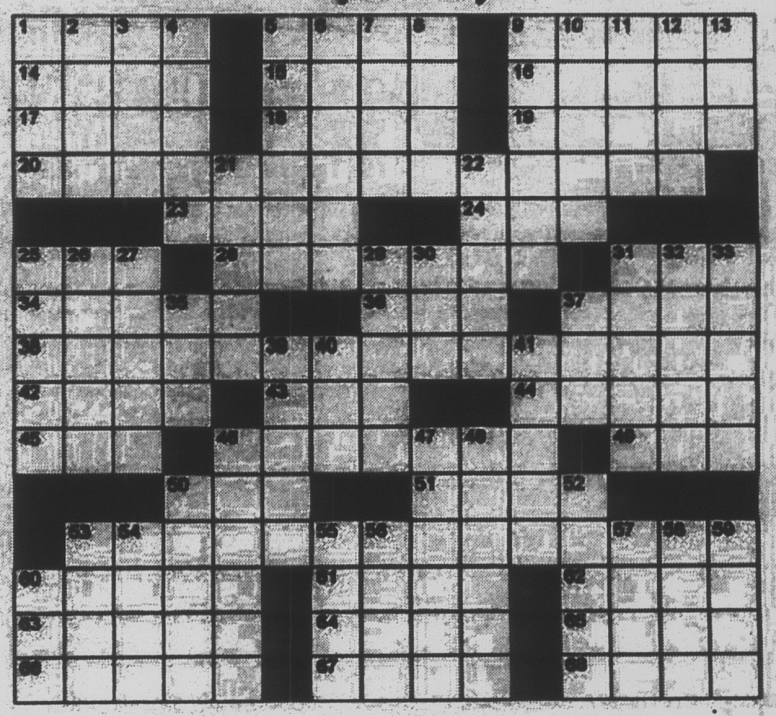
5. Cut out this article and save it forever. Find comfort in the fact that you don't think like me, which brings up an important question: Do you want to know how I think or what I think? Ask people that question.

Thanks for putting up with me all year. With two fingers crossed behind my back, I profess my love for this school. I look forward to the day when I wake up and all the birds are whistling Beatles songs. Ciao for now, love for peace and all the other things I'm for.

Crossword 101

Classics

By Ed Canty



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1 Upper parts
5 Popeye's call
9 Nicholas & others
14 Proof read
15 Wise man
16 Sleep disorder
17 Not one
18 Proof reader's word
19 Yankee Stadium locale
20 Stevenson's classic
23 Entice
24 Permit
25 Cobra, e.g.
28 British soldier to Washington
31 Perform
34 Neck of veal
36 Nylon devastation
37 Emerald Isle
38 Burnett's classic
42 Barnyard Moms
43 Pop music
44 Necessities
45 Moved fast
46 Carryall
49 Buck's mate
50 Surprising remark
51 Greek god of war
53 Defoe's classic
60 Mocking bird, e.g.
61 Arm bone
62 Soft drink
63 Compile
64 Feat
65 Pub offerings
66 Belief
67 Sensitive
68 Egg holder

Down

1 Cabana perhaps
2 Sense experience
3 Yearn
4 Great bargain
5 See to it
6 Intense dislike
7 Double curve
8 Abominable snowman
9 Capsule
10 Jack of nursery rhyme
11 In a short time
12 Tear violently
13 Woodwind
21 Zoom
22 Vernacular
25 Flower
26 Unstressed neutral vowel
27 Clean feathers
29 French pancake
30 Umpire's call
31 Helped
32 Doctrine
33 Up tight
35 Donkey
37 Before
39 Sing like Bing
40 Disagreeable person
41 Wrath
46 Desire
47 Streamer
48 Penny _____
50 Corpulent
52 Ms. Anthony
53 Ice
54 Arabian Sea gulf
55 Beer
56 Spread
57 Exclusive
58 Lyric poems
59 Word with Big or Down
60 Follows welcome

Quotable Quote

A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody has read.

• • • *Mark Twain*

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This week's answers can be found on page 22

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Pay attention to your home life during the week. Certain family members need your input. Take the time to express your support and positive feelings - it will do wonders. Stay on an even keel where food and drink are concerned and exercise more.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Time spent alone this week will be time well spent. You need to rediscover your inner strength in order to be the best you can possibly be. Learn to accept what you will never be able to change; it will save you a lot of energy.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
It will be easy to find fault with yourself if you rush into a situation with more energy than information. Others around you may seem like a threat, but generosity and helpfulness will maneuver you through any rough spots. It's time to overcome your fears.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Good news about money will arrive this week, and just in time. Make the most of this financial situation, trying to invest as much as possible. A mate is in an argumentative mood, and seems to enjoy the conflict - cooperate when a line of communication opens.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You have a great deal to think about during the week, and may want to take time out to do so. Don't ignore what may seem like pesky symptoms; your body may be trying to tell you something. It's time to start following that dream you've had.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
You have lots of love to give to those outside your personal relationships - try to spend time with others who have no one. There may be a treasure waiting for you in a place that you least expect. Hard work will bring much satisfaction, and you will benefit by helping others.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Relationship issues are at the top of your list this week, and it is all good news. Whatever obstacles have kept you from any commitment or marriage have now been overcome, and love is in the air. Looking at the past may bring about some bittersweet memories.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Learning something new during the week will release a joy and confidence that you should share with friends and loved ones. This may be a great time to plan a long overdue vacation. You seem to be approaching some type of success; beware of difficulties involved.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
If you are in a rut, do something about it and stop whining. True words of love will make the evenings sweet.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Moderation is the key word for this week. Moderation will be a helpful guideline as the temptation to engage in extremes presents itself. Don't spread your plans and ideas all over the place; you are better off keeping them to yourself for the time being.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
You may need to make some financial sacrifices this week in order to pay off some health bills. If you work at it, these can probably be paid off with little delay. This whole situation may bring back memories of not having enough to get by - remember, they are memories.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are not giving from your heart, it is probably best to not bother. You may have to compromise when it comes to employment. Remember that prosperity is where you find it. Always keep your eye open for that perfect position; work toward your highest potential.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This should be a lively time for you in terms of business, career and moneymaking activities. Your income and earnings will increase slightly with potential for a much greater profit. Friction may arise within a romantic relationship.

FEATURE

Lani vs. WC

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor

My last article for the Holcad ... ever. Last year, Sara Bozich, the Holcad's beloved features editor before me, willed me the position. I hope I have lived up to her greatness during my stint with the Holcad.

Anyway, I have thought long and hard about what to write about for this article. I thought it would be nice to answer the questions that I asked a few other seniors for the senior spread. Here are my answers:

What was your most memorable Westminster experience?

Going on the Civil War Virginia trip with some of my best friends. Amy Balderach is one of the funniest people I know and Glynnis Armagost definitely has the world's greatest laugh. Also, the geology West Virginia field trip - "Holy schist! Look at those amazing curtains."

Who will you never forget and why?

My roomies - E.J. and Molly. You would know why if you have ever met them. I will also never forget the English Department - all of them. How could I forget the Holcad staff ... I will probably never work for such lenient people again.

What do you want people to remember you for?

I want people to remember my weekly column or my ability to make people smile with my munchkin voice, but most people will probably remember me for my incredible ability to burp. Also, my name is pronounced with a long A - it rhymes with rainy (if my name was Lonny, my parents would probably have spelled it Lonny).

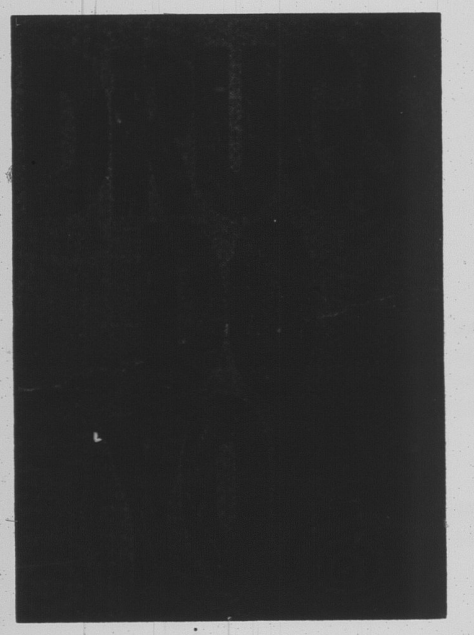
Where will you be in five years?

Working for *The Rolling Stone* interviewing Zeppelin and the Stones.

What did you learn?

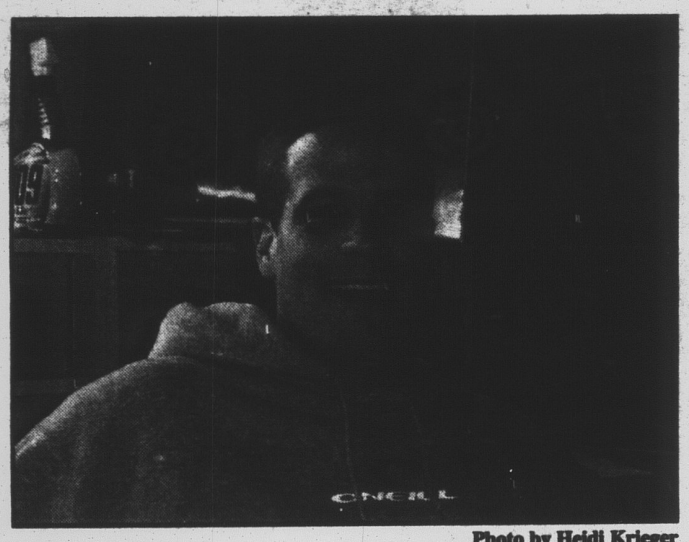
Don't build your house on a flood plain or along a fault line. My mother is never wrong, and that I have rolling veins. I have also learned that great friends come along very infrequently; so when you find them, never let them go. Also, it is the people you meet who make this place great.

The ultimate experience is yet to begin. At least, that is what I try to keep telling myself as I look for a job. I could go on forever about the four years I have been here, but I won't for lack of space. So finally, I will do what Sara Bozich did before me and wish Glynnis, the next features editor, the best of luck with her new position.



An inside look at the graduating seniors

By Lani Nuss
Feature Editor



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Dave Field

Dave Field
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?

My recruitment weekend: Jan. 99, Girls basketball game, sorority pick-up. "Wow, there are a lot of girls at this school!" (me and Dolf and 500 girls in the gym)

Who will you never forget and why?

Field House Ken, he is the most underpaid and the hardest worker at this college. Here's to you Ken!

What do you want people to remember you for?

The guy who didn't care what you thought about him ... Go ahead, judge me. I don't care.

Where will you be in five years?

Retired.

What did you learn?

I could dedicate the entire next year's *Holcad* to this topic. Basically, how to successfully adapt from one culture to another. And for now, so long Pa!

Some advice: For up and coming students, it will all work out in the end, hang in there.

Jimmy Houser
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?

South Padre spring break, the only thing I wish is if O'Neil didn't come back to school with us.

Who will you never forget and why?

My Three roomates Dickey, Warren, Nate - there's always at least one around to make me laugh.

What do you want people to remember you for?

Being able to get along with almost anyone.

Where will you be in five years?

Somewhere a little warmer, hopefully with a decent job.

What did you learn?

How to see good friends leave, and meet new ones when they arrive.

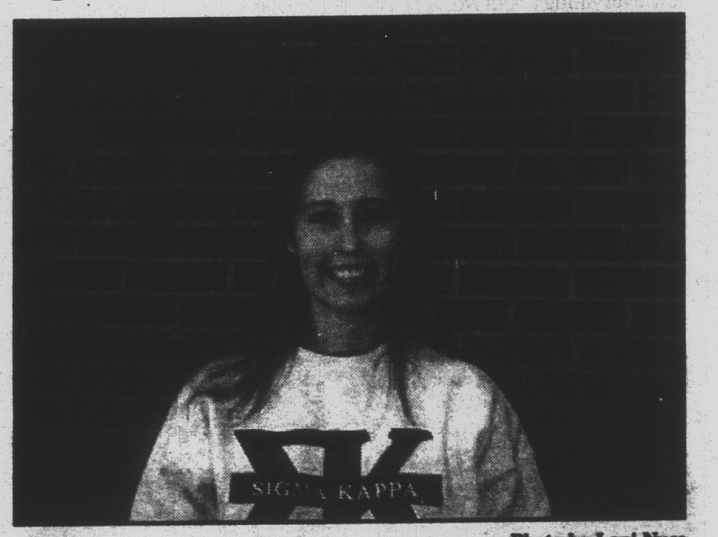
Amanda Kopp
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?

Probably the first day I walked on campus freshman year. I remember walking to the TUB with my roommate to get my mail key and seeing all those new faces, which over the past three and a half years have become my best friends. I know graduation will be memorable too, but it hasn't happened yet for me to remember!

Who will you never forget and why?

I think I will never forget my adviser, Dr. Gittis. He really was patient and helpful with my senior thesis. He introduced me to neuroscience, a field that I hope to continue in for a long time.

Where will you be in five years?



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Amanda Kopp

I want to have a job that I love. I hope to be working in research, on a project that I am interested in. If I am not married by then, I certainly hope to be soon!

What did you learn?

I think I matured a lot since my freshman year. I learned how to live far from home, and be responsible for my actions.

Bryan O'Neill
What was/is your most memorable experience?

Picking up two drinking fines from the RAs before my freshman year. School didn't even start yet.

Who will you never forget?

I would have to say three people. One would be my roomate Homer. I can't get over how large his ears are. The other, James "the RODENT" Houser. Last person, "Three."

What do you want people to remember you for?

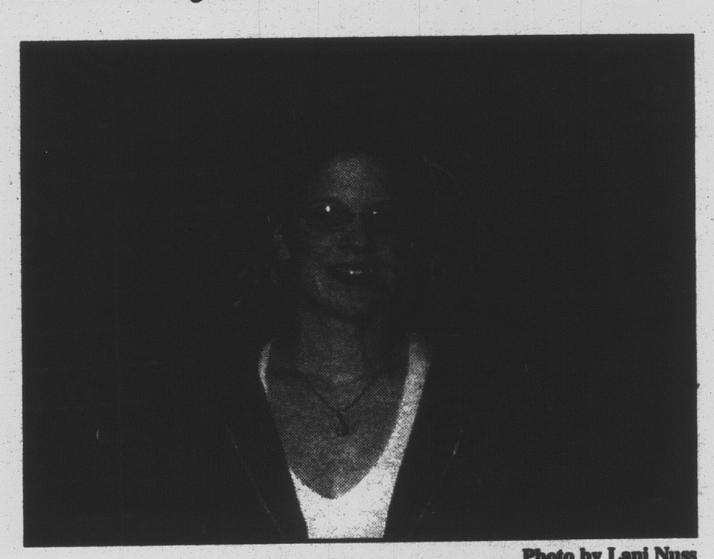
My name is Bryan O'Neill, not Boner.

Where will you be in five years?

I picture myself living a luxurious life somewhere near the ocean where I am surrounded by babes and tropical drinks.

What have you learned?

I learned that to succeed in life you must learn from your mistakes and take risks when they are necessary. I also learned that nicknames can stick for a long time.



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Beth Butcheri

Beth Butcheri
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?

My most memorable experience at WC is the student teaching position I recently completed. I was able to work with so many young, eager minds while stretching my ability to share new knowledge.

Who will you never forget?
I will never forget Dr. Perkins, my valued English professor and inspiration. Dr. Perkins was one of the few professors at WC who was able to break through my aloof shell. His confidence in me has inspired me to pursue future ambitions I never thought would be possible.

What do you want people to remember you for?
If anything, people will say "Hey, what happened to that girl who worked at the library and knew everything about MLA?" Those few who will remember me are my dearest friends. I will be remembered for staying strong through adversity, making loyalty and support top priorities, and the phenomenal power of friendship.

Where will you be in five years?
I don't know where I'm going to be in five months! However, if all goes as planned I'll be dancing in Vegas in lots of feathers and sequins.

What did you learn?
I learned that sometimes you just have to be happy where you are. I didn't like this school for a long time because I always was wishing I was somewhere else. When it comes down to it, you have to accept your surroundings and make the best of your time there. I wish I had learned this much, much earlier.

Photo by Lani Nuss

Carrie Mathers

Carrie Mathers
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?
Posing for the picture of the first women's varsity soccer team at Westminster after ending our season with a 15-3 record. I will miss the "First Team" and those girls who joined the tradition. Good luck!

Who will you never forget and why?
Besides the friends I have made, I will never forget Kathy (the woman in the cafeteria who makes the pizza), she is awesome and deserves a raise!

What do you want people to remember you for?
I want to be remembered as someone who worked hard but kept a smile on her face.

Where will you be in five years?
I hope to be working as a political advocate for early literacy and bilingual education. In my free time, I hope to be traveling and speaking Spanish ... somewhere south of the equator ...

What did you learn?
I learned that college is only the beginning of "the best years of your life" may they continue for everyone after May 18, 2002.

Danielle Perfetti
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?
Relay for Life. It is always so nice to see the campus and community come together for such a good cause. I look forward to it each year.

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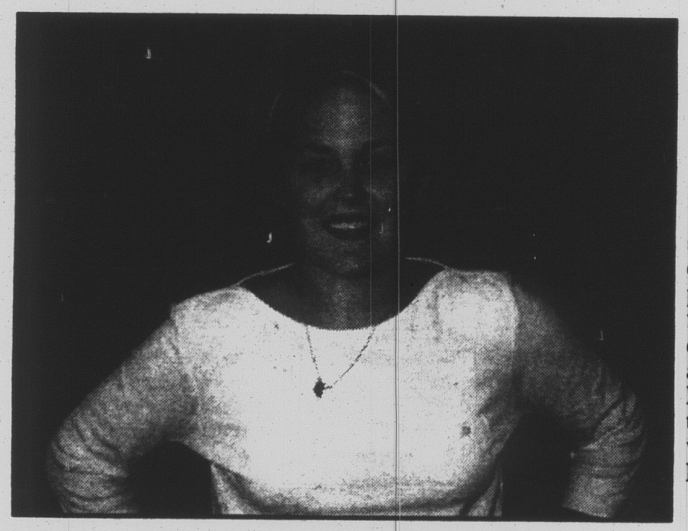
Danielle Perfetti

Who will you never forget and why?
I will never forget Beth Brooks. She has been a friend, mentor and confidant for the last four years. Her never-ending support has helped me through the worst of times and her belief in me has helped me to succeed.

What do you want people to remember you for?
I want people to remember my love for Westminster. I want them to remember how much I tried to make a positive aspect on the campus and the community. What they probably will remember? I can only imagine!

Where will you be in five years?
Hopefully in five years I will be a successful high school teacher who has not lost sight of what the world around us has to offer.

What did you learn?
I learned the importance of "opportunity." Westminster has given me so many wonderful avenues to choose from and I learned how important it is to not pass up anything in life. Each new moment and each new day is one that offers endless possibilities that are just waiting to be explored.



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Jaime Seemiller

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What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?
My most memorable experience at Westminster was my student teaching. The education department placed me in a wonderful school with an exceptional teacher and awesome supervisor. My student teaching is the best experience I will take with me when I leave.

Who will you never forget and why?
There are a lot of people here who I would never forget, especially my professors in the education department. Joyce Hoellein has been an awesome adviser and has put up with me for the last four years. I will also never forget my mailroom mom, Debbie White. She has been my mom away from home. I just want to say thanks to all the people I have interacted with here at Westminster; you are greatly appreciated.

What do you want people to remember you for?
I want people to remember me for, well, I guess my fun-loving attitude. My friends here, including you Lani, have helped me become who I am. Also I want my friends to remember me as "Steve," thanks to Torie!

Where will you be in five years?
In five years I hope to be finishing my masters in some area of education, and also be teaching in a supportive school district. Hopefully, I will be somewhere in Pittsburgh.

What have you learned?
I've learned that time flies. I have no idea where the last four years went in my life. I've also learned to be yourself, and people will like you for who you are. Finally, through my brother I have learned to never give up, and always reach for the stars.

Jessica Torick
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?
Most recently, passing my honors defense! Seriously, I would have to say freshman year, Fresh Start. That's were I formed the friendships that have lasted all four years of WC, and will continue to last past graduation. I can remember at least 12 of us eating every meal together and hanging out down in the "honors hall" of Eich. Those were great times, and I'm happy to say that we're all still close friends!

Who will you never forget and why?
I'll never be able to forget the circle of friends I've made ... it would be hard to forget someone that you're constantly going to be in touch with. Teacher-wise would be Dr. Sciutto. He's left WC, but has impacted me, as well as many other students. He was one of my most challenging professors, yet made class interesting. I learned so much from him. Over the years here, he not only became my mentor, but also my friend. - "Tucked in Jeans Day!"

What do you want people to remember you for?
Whatever they choose.

Where will you be in five years?
Five years? I'm thinking New England state, sparkling ring on left hand, dream job, dream house (built from scratch of course), planning a family ... no matter where I'll be, I know that I'll be happy.

What did you learn?
- "Parking is never a problem at Westminster College."
- squirrels chase back
- there are such things as ghosts
- if you need security, call ahead an hour
- don't ride too close to Amish buggies
- lady bugs are not good luck, they're annoying
- never eat Tub salads or hoagies on Sundays
- sorority bonds are "forever"
- true friendships will last forever and endure through anything

Beth Staley
What is/was your most memorable Westminster experience?
Blowing up marshmallow PEEPS in the microwave with Vicki Vroble for the PEEP art gallery in my hall. Searching for savoy truffles with Ann-Marie Vazzano because of the Beatles song "Savoy Truffles." Breaking my arm while performing Ice Capades moves down the hallway of my dorm at 1 in the morning - I was dressed up (but not messed up) at the time.

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Senior staff writer says goodbye to college paper

By Jon McKay
Senior Staff Writer

Well, the end is here. The last week of my senior year of college. And after 38 courses, two colleges, one intramural basketball championship, 1200 Simpsons reruns, 300 late night trips to Sheetz for chili dogs, and about 40,000 TUB hoagies, I have to say it's about time.

And with the end of my academic career at college comes the end of my time at *the Holcad*. I was a staff writer for one year, and a senior staff writer for the last two. But I've done much more than just write during those three years. For instance, last spring I took time to claim part of *the Holcad* office as "MY office." I've built quite a bond between the local chapter of OSHA and myself. I put off stories for work and work for stories depending on what the story was. I attended a funeral. I've opened letters and e-mails both complimentary and derogatory. And I have gotten to know some great people.

And of course, I've done my share and your share of research, which usually means interviewing, which is always a treat. Especially when my questions are met with blank stares and more stuttering than a speech therapist's office. Or, one of my favorites, "I'm really not the person you need to be talking to about this … you should go see (insert name of last person I interviewed who told me to come see this person)." In all honesty, almost everyone I interviewed on campus was very cooperative. Almost everyone.

But of course, as a *writer*, my main responsibility is to write. I wrote about 45 articles, stories, columns and briefs on an extremely wide variety of topics:

I covered the deaths of two campus fixtures: 'Flo' and Dr. Remick, and explored the legends of ghosts in three campus buildings. I reviewed dining options, homecoming, Pizza Joe's, and visiting campus lecturers and artists. I wrote updates about the construction on three buildings: TCF, the TUB and Memorial Field House. I covered two fires, the reaccreditation of the College, the "collapse" of Hoyt, and the "topping off" ceremony (see page 1).

I reported campus events like Titan Traverse trips, retiring professors, the Monster.com scholarship, and students in the study abroad program. But I also wrote about national events, like the historic election of 2000 and Sept. 11.

I wrote about a sensitive issue: MP3 downloading to computers on the network. And I wrote about a very sensitive issue: campus bathrooms. I did my worst to inform the campus of Sweetest Day, and I was fortunate enough to get to tell the story of Malcolm X and Jackie Robinson.

But I had the most fun writing columns. By far my favorites were the ones about bad television, the NCAA basketball tournament and my guy, Darryl Strawberry.

To say the least, every story was different from the one before. That's part of what was so great about working for *The Holcad*. There was never a lack of work, excitement or good people.

On a personal note, I like the Spurs in the NBA Finals this year, the Mets in the World Series, and the 49ers in Super Bowl XXXVII. MJ needs to come back next year. Oasis is still the best band in the world. Jay-Z and Nas are still getting better but they'll never touch Pac. If you watch any Naked Gun movie for more than five minutes and don't laugh, we probably can't be friends. Does anyone else wonder what people did in college before e-mail and AIM? Does anyone else feel "off" their whole day if they don't see at least one full Sportscenter in the morning? There's really nothing more fun than hitting golf balls into the lake from the field in front of Russell.

Love: DoF at Grove City, Michael Smyth in Oakl&, t-BONE in NYC, N. in Coralville, Fo, M.A. & J.W., and ZoWoX. To Darryl E. Strawberry – keep your head up.

Shout-outs: Brains & Korn at CMU, TN at 'Cuse, the brown house, Holcad editors, PR profs, and Grifdogg at Kent.

I'm out.

Chapel drama presents *Amen Corner* on Sunday

By Lindsay Onufer
Contributing Writer

Westminster College's Chapel Drama productions have always promised and delivered high-quality, student-directed musicals. In the past, students have performed shows like Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Godspell, but this year's show, *Amen Corner*, offers a completely different genre.

Stepping away from more upbeat and heavily choreographed pieces, *Amen Corner* is a dramatic gospel show that allows students to demonstrate not only musical, but also theatrical prowess. The musical's hopeful message mirrors the attitudes of the cast and directors after a particularly rocky start during rehearsals.

Acting director Richard Leigh described how problems with getting the scripts set the cast back two months. Leigh states that the setback has forced the cast into a rigorous, but not panicked rehearsal schedule, in which they rehearse from two to four hours Monday through Thursday.

At the climax of the musical itself, senior Janis Sylves sings "Rise Up and Stand Again," a powerful song describing what the cast and crew of *Amen Corner* have been doing for months: overcoming steep obstacles to reach their goals. Leigh promises that the cast has done just that and will be prepared to perform wonderfully on Sunday.

Amen Corner will be performed at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, May 5 in the Chapel. Admission is free.

Your Student Government Association

By Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Shannon Lutz and Thomas Waldo for being sworn into the SGA as new members. They will both be filling vacancies.

SGA's biggest spring event, Volley Rock, is this Saturday. Games start at 9:30 a.m. on the field below Eichenauer Hall. Captains can pick up shirts beginning Friday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Down Under. They may also be picked up Saturday morning from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Games begin at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served behind Russell hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. because the dining hall will be closed for the day. Students must have their Titan cards to eat, even if they don't have a meal plan.

A DJ will be playing music from 12 to 4 p.m. Quaker Steak and Lube wings will be served for dinner from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wings are for all Westminster students, but anyone not wearing a Volley Rock shirt will be assumed a non-participant and moved to the end of the line.

Bingo will be played from 8 to 10 p.m. SGA is giving away a total of $325. A fireworks display at 10 p.m. will end the day.

The finance committee completed audits last week. A total of $56,290 was allocated to 39 groups and clubs. The committee also resolved to cut the gazebo project, and the Senate approved. Other ways to use the money will be looked at by the committee. The most popular idea was refurbishing or replacing the seats in Beeghly Theatre.

Late Nights at the Down Under will be Friday and Saturday nights from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. They will also be at the same time during finals week. Free pop and popcorn will be served.

This was the final SGA meeting of the year. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. in Philips Lecture Hall. Don't forget that if you have any questions or concerns for SGA, you are welcome to attend the meetings.

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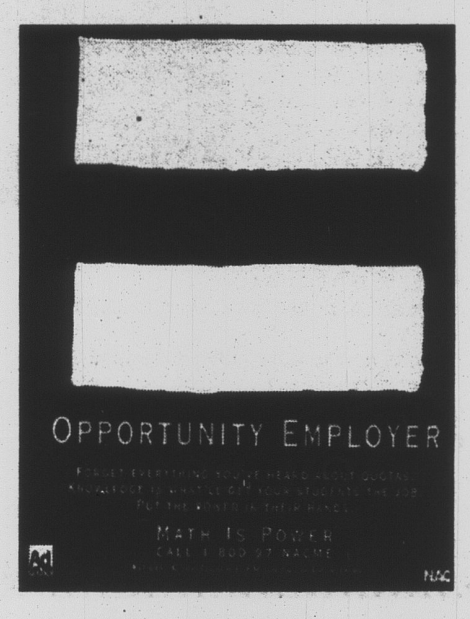
Evil Dead 1 and 2, Army of Darkness, Strange Brew, Reservoir Dogs, Touch of Evil, Psycho, Rushmore, Shawshank, The Jerk, Silence of the Lambs, Waiting for Guffman, Memento, O Brother, Where Art Thou, Barton Fink, Dr. Strangelove, and about a hundred others. If you want to hear about more picks for the future, I'll keep listing them on and on at:

http://www.geocities.com/gamara311/top_50_movies.html. At any rate, enjoy your summers, and enjoy your lives. It's been fun telling you about movies this year. I now relinquish my mantle of Holcad movie reviewer. Go see *Star Wars*. *Road to Perdition* is going to win Best Picture next year. Bet on it. That or *Crossroads*. Boom.



Recognizing outstanding swimming seniors

By Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

Name: Jaime Sell
Major: Business Administration
Awards and Records Held: I was Team MVP my freshman and sophomore years. I won the High Point Award at the PAC Invitational in my junior year. Currently, I am on the record-holding team for the 400 medley relay and I am proud to be on the All-Academic and All-Conference teams. These are my proudest accomplishments.

Thoughts for your Senior Year: My senior year was a bittersweet year. It was awesome to go out on a good note in swimming but I also realized that I had just ended an 18 year- long career in competitive swimming so it will be greatly missed.Overall, I think that my career here at Westminster was a successful one.

Advice for the Upcoming Senior Class: My advice to the upcoming seniors would be to have fun. It will go fast, and life is too short to worry about the petty things, so make it the best year ever. No regrets!

Name: Eric Mojock
Major: Biology
Awards and Records Held: I have placed in the top 6 in the 100 and 200 back every year at our conference meets. This year, I became the first Westminster swimmer to medal at the ECAC meet by getting fifth in the 100 back. This year I qualified for nationals for the first time. At nationals, I came in 12th place and earned All-American honors.

Thoughts on Your Senior Year: My senior year was like something out of a storybook. I had to make new goals throughout the season. It was a great experience and honor to compete at the NCAA Division II national meet.

Advice for the Upcoming Senior Class: Good Luck to the underclassmen, the change to division III will be difficult, but I know they can meet the challenge and make a great impression next year.

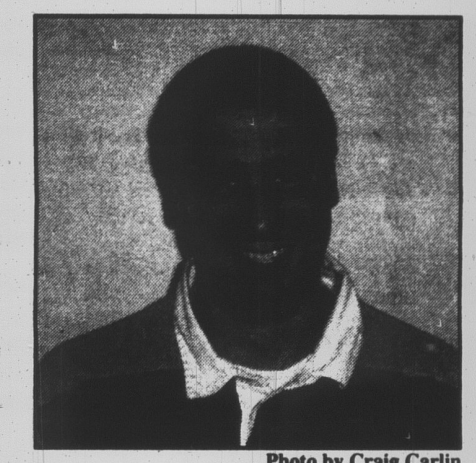


Photo by Craig Carlin
Eric Mojock

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ship
ECAC Player of the Week
MVP Senior year
School record shutouts in a season for soccer (8)

2) What's your most memorable moment as a Titan athlete?
It was the last game of the season; we won 5-1; I scored a penalty kick, and saved a penalty kick. Also, Kevin Humberston's announcing of the game was fantastic, to say the least.

3) What do you think is the best part about Titan athletics?
The pressure of big schools isn't on your shoulders, but the intensity is just the same. Also, you make friendships that will last a lifetime.

4) What will you miss most?
Road trips with the team, you dread them, but they always turn out to be the times you remember the most.

5) Was there ever a time when you thought you were going to quit or that you couldn't handle the pressure?
Not really, but in college everyone that plays is great so you always have to play your best, or your position will be gone the next day.

6) What advice do you have to future Westminster athletes?
Remember that athletics are fun, when you forget that aspect you won't have the good memories. Just have fun out there.

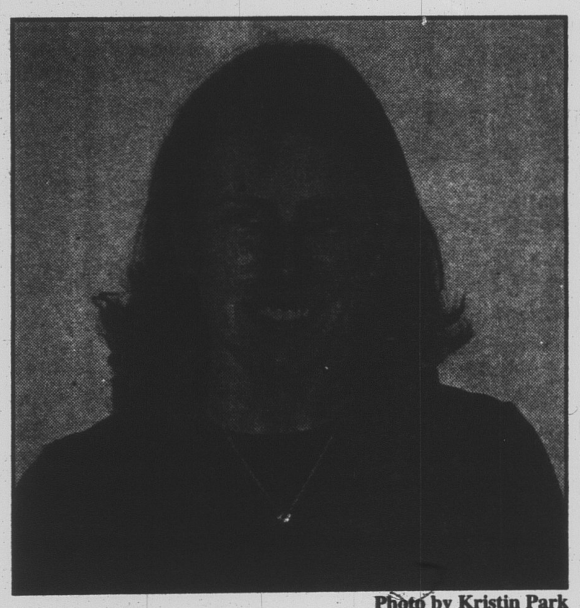

Photo by Kristin Park
Ashley Pyle

Name: Ashley Pyle
Sport: Soccer

1) Notable achievements since freshman year:
I am an All-American in soccer. I have been ranked nationally in scoring all four years. I was freshman player of the year and player of the year in 1998.
I made first team All-conference in soccer. Team MVP in 2000 and 2001.

2) What's your most memorable moment as a Titan athlete?
When our soccer team found out we were ranked in the top ten in the nation in Division 3.

3) What do you think was the best part about Titan athletics?
The chance to play with my younger sister, Alyssa, again in soccer and the friends I have made from playing soccer and running track.

4) What will you miss most?
Playing competitive soccer.

5) Was there ever a time when you thought you were going to quit or that you couldn't handle the pressure?
No, I would never quit and I love the pressure. I would play the rest of my life if I could.

6) What advice do you have to future Westminster athletes?
To enjoy your sport because the four years go by so quickly.

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Photo by Kristin Park
Beth Staley

Who will you never forget and why?
Some guy named Manny-he stole my leaflet and his name is tattooed on my arm. I'm not sure how all of this happened.

What do you want people to remember you for?
Don't remember me-unless you want to remember me in your will. I need money.

Where will you be in five years?
If I'm not a rock star or stay-home mom, I'll be in St. Thomas making rustic furniture for the natives. Also, I'll probably be in debt for this fancy WC education. I may be in the Guiness Book of World Records for making the largest jelly bean in the world or holding the toe stand yoga position longer than anyone else.

What did you learn?
Chivalry exists only in those geeky video games. College is NOT the highpoint of life. Always carry a bee sting kit in case of emergencies. All you need is love, yoga and a good punching balloon to get through this crazy life.

Congratulations Holcad Seniors

Mike Morris
Sarah Lohr
Jon McKay
Jess Vituccio
Meredith Etcher
Brian Wilson
Dave Field
Jess Toy
Andrea Majot
Heidi Krieger
Laura Stanley
Beth Staley
Lani Nuss
Tyler Domske
Brad Dell

Good Luck!

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPS is looking for seasonal help working the 4-8:30 a.m. shift from now until Dec. 29. For more information contact Kris Wosko at kwosko@ups.com.

21ST ANNUAL KIWANIS BOOK SALE, May 1-4, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., New Wilmington Fire Hall.

SYMPHONIC BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT is Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Orr Auditorium.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: tan carpet that fits Galbreath single, best offer; microwave, $15. Call EXT. 7721 for more information.

FOR SALE: bunk beds great for Hillside triples, $60. Call EXT. 6817 for more information.

FORE SALE: refrigerator, $50; off-white/gray carpet to fit Browne, make an offer. Call EXT. 7440 for more information.

FOR SALE: loft, good condition, $40 or best offer. Call EXT. 6803 for more information.

FOR SALE: drum set TAMA 5 piece. Call Rodolfo 946-9320.

Answers to this week's crossword puzzle

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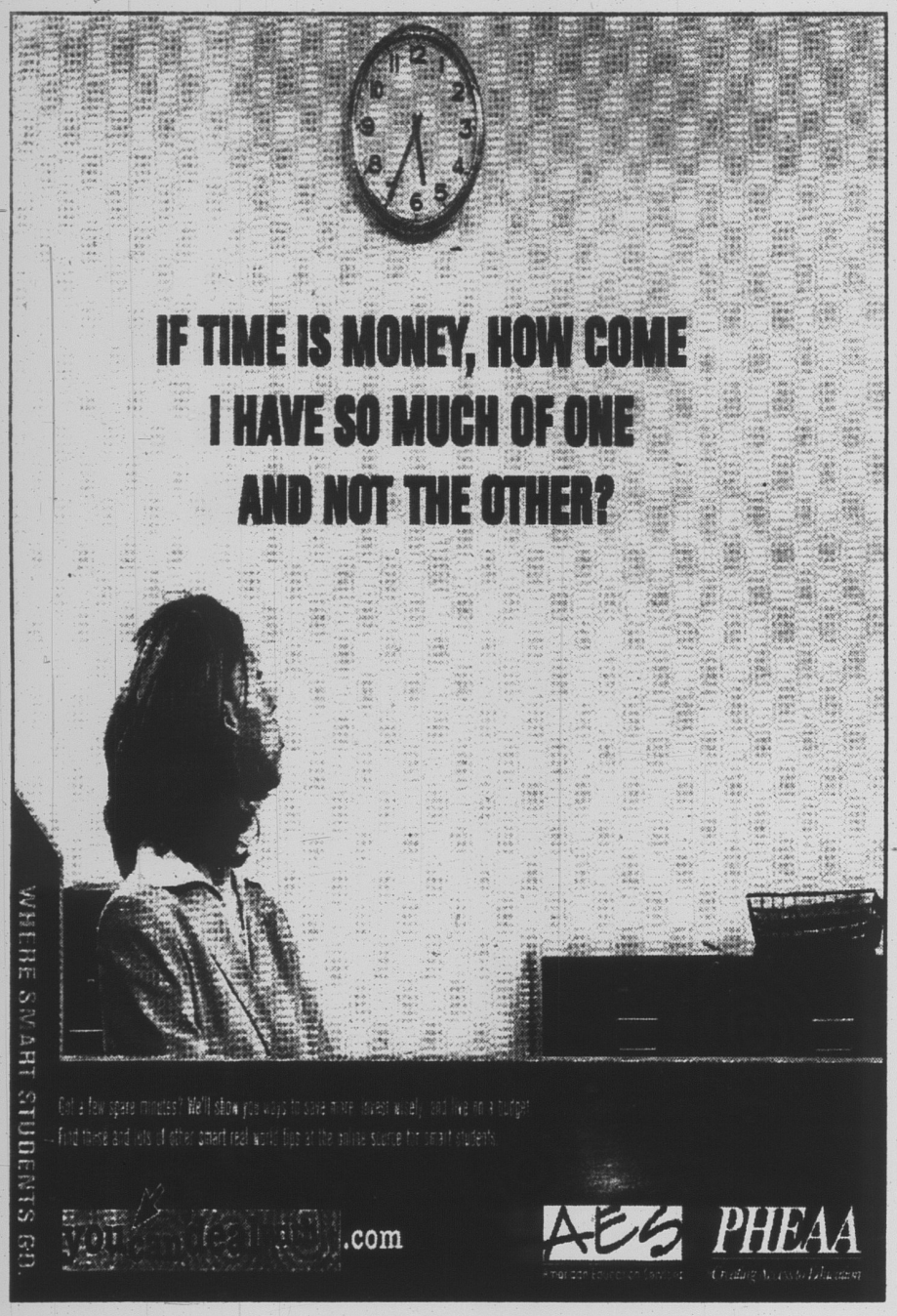
Speech Showcase
7:30 p.m. Monday
Beeghly Theatre



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 3
LLP Block IV Classes End
11:40 a.m. Chapel
7:30 p.m. College Bands Concert - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. JT's Café - Down Under

SATURDAY 4
VOLLEY ROCK
Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field @ Grove City Invitational
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Frostburg State (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - Anderson Amphitheater (Rain Location: Orr Auditorium)
7:30 p.m. Campus Club Night at the Theatre - Beeghly

SUNDAY 5
ORTHODOX EASTER
1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Point Park (H)
2:00 p.m. Senior Wills Ceremony - Down Under
3:00 p.m. Trio Recital - Orr Auditorium
3:00 p.m. Chapel Drama Performance - Chapel
6:00 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Meeting - House
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 230
9:00 p.m. Movie: Serendipity - Down Under

MONDAY 6
7:00 a.m. Monday Morning Fellowship - Lindley Dining Hall
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:30 p.m. Panhel Meeting - Ferguson 115
Sorority Meetings
Alpha Gamma Delta - Phillips Lecture Hall, 6:00 p.m.
Kappa Delta - PH 112/113, 6:00 p.m.
Phi Mu - PH 311/312, 6:00 p.m.
Sigma Kappa - PH 311/312, 8:05 p.m.
Zeta Tau Alpha - Phillips Lecture Hall, 8:01 p.m.
6:15 p.m. Phi Kappa Tau Meeting - HSC 166
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 7
Friday Classes Meet
CLASSES END
RA Picnic
Faculty Cello Recital: Susanna Reilly - Location TBA

WEDNESDAY 8
READING DAY
Noon Employee Recognition Luncheon - Russell Dining Room
Noon - 4:00 p.m. Stress Reduction - Student Health Center
9:00 p.m. Cram Jam - Duff Dining Hall

THURSDAY 9
FINAL EXAMS
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting - TC 314
6:00 p.m. Ascension/Holy Day Mass - Chapel

FRIDAY 10
FINAL EXAMS

SATURDAY 11
FINAL EXAMS
7:00 p.m. Senior Mass -- Chapel

SUNDAY 12
MOTHER'S DAY

MONDAY 13
FINAL EXAMS
LLP Block IV Ends
SENIOR WEEK
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR ALL BUT SENIORS
Last Board Meal: LUNCH

TUESDAY 14
Senior Grades Due

WEDNESDAY 15
Friends of the Library Spring Event

THURSDAY 16
No listings

FRIDAY 17
Board of Trustees Meeting
Senior Class Gift Lunch with Board of Trustees

SATURDAY 18
8:30 a.m. Kappa Delta Pi Senior Breakfast for Education Majors – Ferguson Lobby
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate
2:30 p.m. COMMENCEMENT – Senior Terrace
6:00 p.m. RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE FOR SENIORS

Finals Week Computer Lab Schedules

	Econ./Bus. (Ext. 6255)	Math/C.S. (Ext. 6259)	McElree (Ext. 6258)	McGill (Ext. 6253)	Patterson (Ext. 6251)	T-C Graphics (Ext. 6252)
Sun (5/5)	1:00 PM - 1:00 AM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 10:45 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 AM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Mon (5/6)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	9:15 AM - 10:30 AM 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	8:00 AM - 10:45 PM	7:00 AM - 3:00 AM	8:00 AM - 9:15 AM 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
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Wed (Reading Day)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 4:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:00 AM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Thurs (5/9)	8:00 AM - 1:00 AM	2:00 PM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:00 PM	8:00 AM - 1:45 AM	7:00 AM - 4:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:00 AM	2:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Fri (5/10)	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Closed all day	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 11:45 PM	7:00 AM - 11:00 PM	10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Sat (5/11)	Closed all day	Closed all day	Closed all day	9:00 AM - 4:45 PM	1:00 PM - 9:00 PM	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sun (5/12)	1:00 PM - 1:00 AM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM	1:00 PM - 11:45 PM	1:00 PM - 3:00 AM	1:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Mon (5/13)	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Closed all day	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	8:00 AM - 5:45 PM	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

At the Down Under

CPC Fall '02 Events

August:
24th - JT's Cafe
31st - Drive-In Movie

September:
6th - Clipper Cruise
7th- Singer, David Bailey
13th- JT's Cafe
27th - JT's Cafe

October:
11-12th Homecoming Weekend
11th - Craig Karges and JT's Cafe
25th- JT's Cafe

November:
8th- JT's Cafe
15th - Murder Mystery Dinner
22nd - JT's Cafe

December:
6th - JT's Cafe
14th- End of Semester

Weekend Schedule
IN THE DOWN UNDER

May 3-Friday
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Distribution of VR Tees
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Scrawl
10 p.m. to 2 am
JT's Cafe

May 4 - Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Distribution of VR Tees
9 a.m. Team Captain Meeting
9:30 a.m. Games Begin
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lunch (must have IDs)
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wings (must have IDs)
8 to 10 p.m. Bingo
10 p.m. Fireworks

May 5 - Sunday
9 p.m.
Movie:
Serendipity

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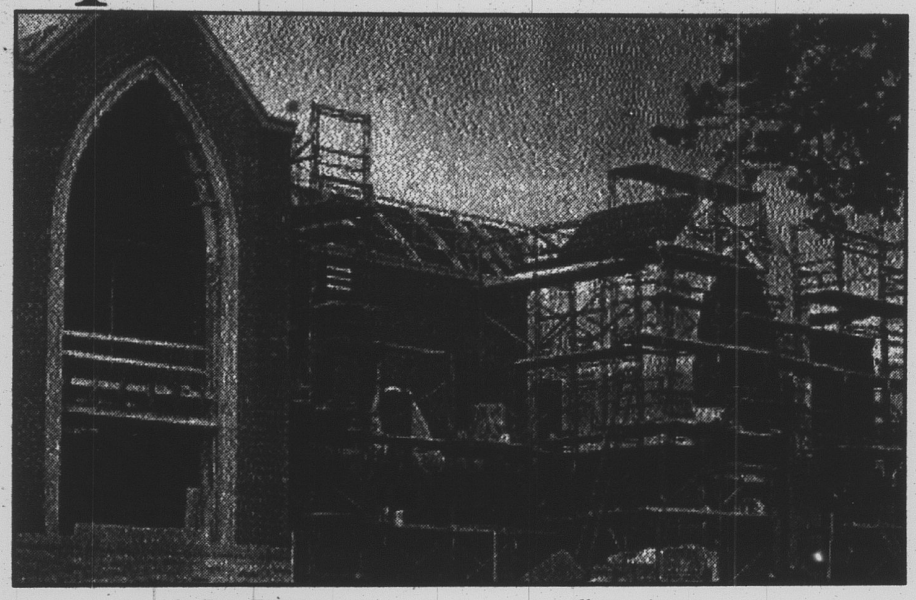
Campus center to open Fall 2003



by Lee Fetters
Staff Writer

For the returning students, one thing on campus remains the same: construction. While some impressive progress has been made, including some fancy arches and easier routes to classes, the center is still a long way from completion.

"Getting from Old Main to Patterson last winter was tricky," said senior Josh Rihs. "The new path between the campus center and Shaw makes getting around much easier."

Initially, the student center was rumored to open spring semester, but now it is scheduled to open in May.

"A formal dedication of the campus center is slated for Friday, May 16," said Gloria Cagigas, Director of Institutional Development. "Yet, the dedication is not an opening. The center has not been scheduled to open until the fall semester of 2003," she said.

Although current seniors will not benefit from the campus center, sentiment from them was not all negative.

"The construction on campus has been a nuisance for the past two years, but the center will be convenient for the students still on campus in the fall," senior Molly Householder said.

The center will house several new facilities. It will contain a multipurpose room with seating for 300, a video-conferencing auditorium that doubles as a movie theater, a two-floor bookstore and a food court. Some portions of the building will be used in public outreach programs, including the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, which will work with area schools.

The campus center will be named in honor of Andrew McKelvey, a major contributor to the project.

"McKelvey contributed $3 million to the completion of the campus center, an amount to be met by funds raised by the college," Larry Ratvasky said.

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Fresh Start welcomes new first year students

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

At eight o'clock in the morning on Friday, August 23, it was hot, humid and pouring down rain. However, that did not stop the Fresh Start staff from moving in 355 first year students into their new dorms. That weekend, approximately 80 upperclassmen volunteered as Fresh Start leaders to guide the incoming first year students through lectures, activities, games and obstacle courses in order to prepare them for their first college experience.

Fresh Start is a program designed to make first year students feel welcome at their new home away from home by helping them make new friends and adapt to college life. The program is headed by Camille Hawthorne, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, this year's senior coordinator, Matt Pournaras and junior coordinator, Stefanie Maccaglia.

"Fresh Start gives all the incoming students a great opportunity to learn our campus inside and out before they even begin classes," Pournaras said. "It is like a three day tour for them and all their questions are answered, hopefully, at least."

The Fresh Start staff arrives at the campus a week in advance in order to prepare for the incoming first year students. On the students' first day of arrival, after they are all moved in, they attend the Opening Convocation where they are welcomed by President Williamson and the rest of the faculty robed in their academic regalia. The students then say their last good-byes to their parents before dividing up into their Fresh Start groups. Each group is assigned three or four leaders who will stay with them for the entire weekend, leading them through various workshops and activities

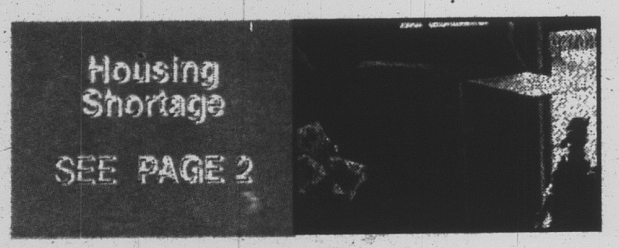
The most challenging event the students participate in is Titan Traverse, where the students are given the opportunity to go outside and take part in physical activities and games. The course is designed to allow students to get to know each other better and to use teamwork to reach a shared goal.

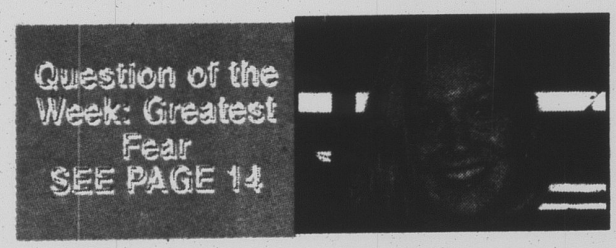
"Titan Traverse is an irreplaceable experience for new students," Maccaglia said. "It's a great opportunity to get to know more about fellow classmates because there is social interaction, not simply sitting through workshops."

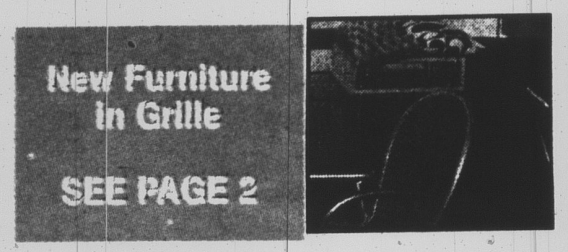
On Saturday night, the Fresh Start leaders deviated from the usual group activities by entertaining the first year students with their very own comedy skits. "Late Night," which was performed onstage in Orr Auditorium, was composed of everything from Saturday Night Live spoofs to improv to guys dressed in drag. The Fresh Start leaders worked hard at rehearsing the scenes all week for the first year students, who responded very positively to the show. First year student Colter McElree claimed it was one of his favorite parts of the Fresh Start experience.

According to Hawthorne, the high interest and enthusiasm expressed by the Fresh Start staff is a great gift to the program. SheBsaid, "The success of this program wouldn't be possible if the students didn't volunteer their time. That's what makes this program stand out among other schools."

There will be applications available in January for any student interested in joining the Fresh Start program. Pournaras gives this advice to future Fresh Start staffs: "Enjoy every second of it. My summer went by very fast and Fresh Start was here and gone before I knew it. So take advantage of every opportunity you have and don't let anything pass you by."







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CAMPUS NEWS

Decrease in commuters causes housing shortage

By Ann-Marie Vazzano
Staff Writer

This summer, concern arose about lack of student housing. According to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Molly Burnett, the reason for the housing shortage was not high enrollment, but a decrease in the number of commuters.

"Generally, [in the off campus lottery], we offer thirty-five slots for students to live off campus, and we have based that number on the percentage of commuters we get. This year, more people wanted to live on campus."

To remedy the situation, all senior women received a letter that granted them permission to live off campus. The students on the off campus wait list got priority.

"The reason we sent the letter to the senior women was that more females than males are opting to attend Westminster. We have plenty of space to house the men," Burnett said.

Senior Crystal Brian received the letter in July.

"I was a little disappointed when I didn't get an off-campus slot in the lottery, but by the time I got the letter in July I was content with living on campus," Brian said. "It would've been difficult to find an apartment and get furniture in only one month."

As of now, student affairs does not plan to make any changes in the housing procedures for next year.

"We're curious to see if the declining number of commuters is a trend that will continue, but as of now we're not sure. Thirty-five is what we've found to be a good number [for off campus slots], but if this year proves to be a continuing trend, we'll look at the issue more closely.

Burnett also said that although no plans are official, the college has been considering apartment housing for the future.

"Right now our main concern is the campus center, but the idea of additional housing is definitely being considered."

Photographer Kristen Park

Tuition increase affects students

By Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

The cost of attending Westminster has increased. Its total, which includes tuition, fees and board, went up by 5.9 percent this year.

"Recent studies at private colleges have shown that the cost of providing quality education far exceeds the amount of tuition raised," President Williamson stated in a letter to parents last March.

"Westminster is the most affordable baccalaureate liberal arts college in Pennsylvania by a substantial margin," said Mark Meighen, senior director of marketing and communications.

Despite this fact, some students are concerned about the increase.

"It just seems like tuition is getting ridiculously high. I'm concerned that it will continue going up and soon alienate potential students," junior Ian Brown said.

"I know of a few people who didn't come back this year because of the considerable increase in tuition," senior Lee Fetters said. "Lots of my high school friends are attending decent schools that cost for a year what students here pay for a semester."

The official enrollment report from the Registrar's Office has not yet been issued, so the number of students who did not return cannot be calculated as of yet.

"We have not received any negative feedback regarding tuition," Meighen said. "The struggling economy has forced some students to request Special Circumstances forms from the financial aid office. This usually means a parent has lost a source of income, be it a job loss or other economic setback."

"I am living off campus this year and was supposed to be saving money doing so," senior Kathleen Behling said. "My mother was confused when she saw my tuition invoice because she expected a much lower amount to be due."

Do not grumble at the immense and costly construction. The new campus center, which costs $13.9 million to construct, is possible through external fundraising from various individuals, alumni, foundations and corporations.

"At Westminster, we work very hard to develop sources of income other than tuition," President Williamson stated in his March letter. "Fundraising has reached record levels during the last two years. With the support of thousands of Westminster Alumni, we pledge to continue the efforts to have Westminster remain affordable."

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So far, the college has raised $11.8 million toward the project. These funds have been collected from 1900 separate gifts from various individuals, alumni, corporations and foundations.

The faculty and staff have also played an important role in fundraising.

"We are happy to say that 160 members of the faculty and staff of the college have donated gifts toward the completion of the center," Cagigas said.

The college is currently involved in a fundraising activity called the Kresge challenge. A donation of $600,000 is promised to the college if a balance of $1.2 million in donations is raised by March 2003. The college received an additional $1 million endowment to maintain the structure after its completion.

"There is nothing left in the way of completing the campus center, and it has been cleared for dedication in May," Cagigas said.

New TUB furniture receives positive reactions

By Alex Hines
Staff Writer

Returning students might notice that the furniture in the TUB, which is temporarily located in one side of the McGinness Dining Hall, has changed.

After the New Wilmington Missionary Conference held its annual meeting at Westminster this year, the furniture in the TUB changed. According to Mrs. Beth Sammons, Catering Manager for the College Food Service, Sodex'ho's corporate marketing division selected the new furniture. The furniture was purchased from Design Within Reach. Sodex'ho is the company that runs the college's dining halls.

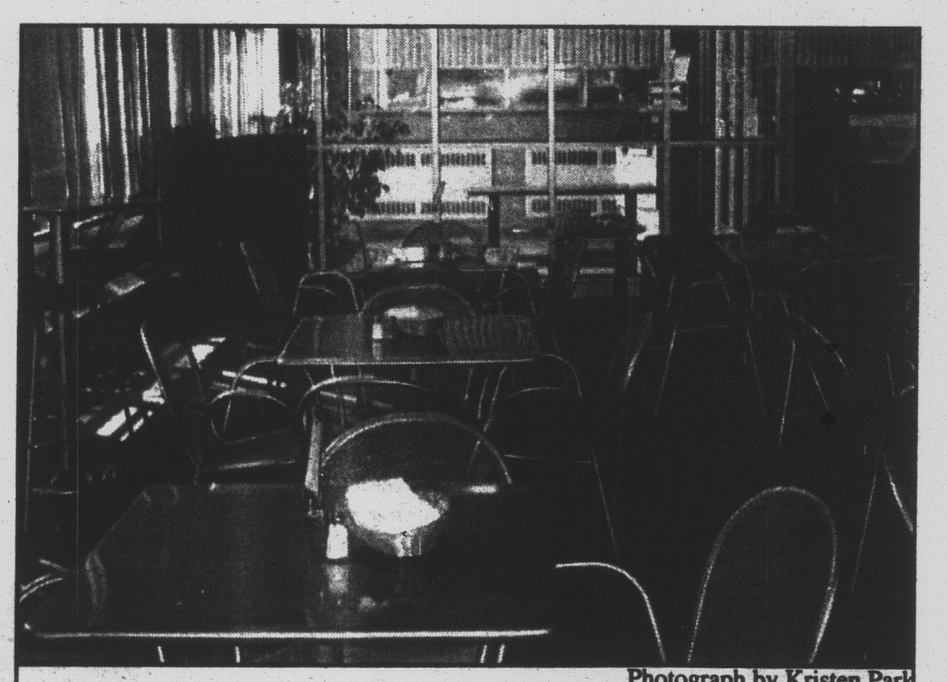
The new furniture is primarily metal. The tables are silver with matching metal chairs. Taller tables accompanied by stools were also added. A lounge area was created near the TUB entrance with chairs, pillows and a television.

Students have reacted positively to the TUB's new style. Freshman Laura Zorch described the new look as "modern" and "welcoming."

"It's nice to go in and sit [in the new TUB]," sophomore Billie Nicholson states. "I really enjoy it. I like that they are making an attempt to make it a more fun place to hang out."

Senior Michelle Loyash said that the furniture is "...awesome! It looks great! The TUB needed a new look."

It is not yet known whether the current furniture will move with the TUB when the renovated Student Union Building opens, but the furniture will definitely be used in some capacity.



Photograph by Kristen Park

New furniture in the tub.

New fraternity alcohol and security regulations

by Craig Carlin
Staff Writer

With a new school year comes a new set of fraternity party rules. Some of the rules have not changed, but others may surprise students.

According to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Public Safety John Lechner, security guards will no longer be stationed at each fraternity house. Instead, one roaming guard will keep order on party nights. This guard will patrol campus and perform random security checks at every fraternity house. Each fraternity will have to monitor its own door watch and house activities without direct supervision from a guard.

"We're trying to give the houses more freedom and at the same time more responsibility," Lechner said. "We're putting the focus on the fraternity to do what's right."

The guard on duty will be permitted to walk through common areas in fraternity houses, but will not be permitted to enter private rooms. The officer does not have arrest authority within the house, but will make notes of underage drinking and/or disorderly conduct. The guard will report these notes to Lechner the following day. Borough police officers have full jurisdiction within the fraternity houses.

Public Safety will issue wristbands to each open fraternity before parties. The fraternity's door watch will distribute wristbands to students entering the house who are at least 21 years old. These students will also be allowed to bring a maximum of six cans of alcohol into the house.

The fraternity must record names of students who receive wristbands so that Public Safety can keep track. According to Lechner, if the number of names on the party log does not match the number of wristbands distributed, a $10 fine will be issued for every number that the fraternity is off. All students under 21 years old will not receive a wristband and will not be permitted to enter the house with alcohol.

"This will probably tighten things up a little bit," David DiDesiderio, Alpha Sigma Phi vice-president, said.

The happy bus, which provides students with transportation on party nights, will now be equipped with a radio for communication with each fraternity's door watch. Student affairs purchased six radios, and each open fraternity house will receive one.

Some first-year students are pessimistic about a roaming security guard.

"I feel like it's an invasion of privacy," freshman Justin Turk said.

"The only advantage of security at every house is to break up fights and control disturbances, but I think the fraternities have their rights to be left alone," freshman Sarah Blasko said.

Lechner understands that students want freedom, but rules must exist at fraternity parties.

"I'm optimistic. This is going to be a good thing," Lechner said. "I'm more concerned with people making responsible choices."

"Dean Lechner has always done well in the past. Everyone will get along with the new system," Sigma Phi Epsilon Vice-President of Communications Josh Sunderlin said. "Lechner's not out to get anyone."

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West Wing shoots season premiere near campus

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

NBC's drama, The West Wing, held a casting call on campus late this summer. Scenes for the season premiere were filmed the second week of August in Volant. Many Westminster staff, faculty and students participated in the event, including Jackie Meade, director of the career center.

"I was originally signed up to work for two days, but I had to cut back to one day because of commitments I had for Fresh Start orientation," Meade said. "I have watched the West Wing since it first came on, and I think it is a very well-written show."

Many got a chance to meet their favorite celebrities.

"I spoke with Martin Sheen, who plays President Bartlett, and I presented him with a Westminster sweatshirt and ball cap. I also took pictures with him," Jackie Meade said. "And I was able to watch Brad Whitford, who plays Josh on the show, as he gave a really interesting and thoughtful interview to television channel 21."

Sophomore Bob Allen also met Sheen.

"Mr. Sheen seems very down to earth and thoughtful. He would sign an autograph for anyone or shake your hand," Allen said. "He also talked to the extras between shooting while we sat in the hot sun. Plus, he told jokes and entertained us, which was nice because it was so uncomfortable."

Westminster was chosen out of many possible locations for the casting call.

"Jackie Meade and her coworkers in the career center were instrumental in working with the Lawrence County Tourist Promotion Agency to bring the taping to this area," said Mark Meighen, director of marketing and communications.

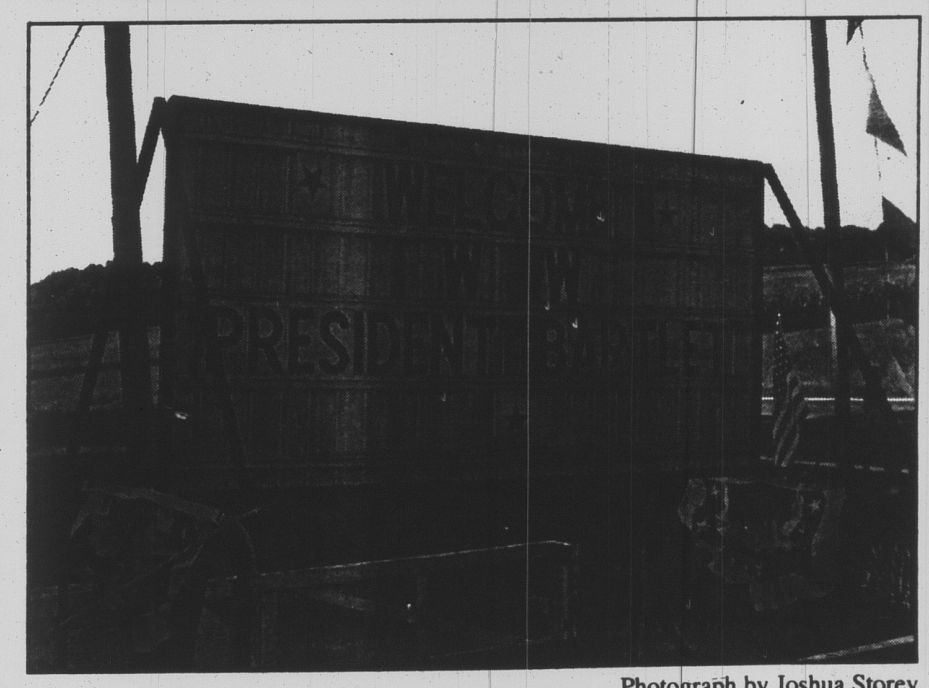
"The Pittsburgh Film Office called to say they were looking for locations with particular kinds of farms, houses, etc., and I was able to send pictures of our area. The television scouts liked the area well enough to come to Volant to see the places," Meade said.

Meade also made arrangements for the casting director to use Orr Auditorium lobby for the casting call. She was promised a part as an extra because of her assistance. Most extras did not have to audition, but instead sent in a form and picture for consideration.

"The questions on the form were pretty basic," Allen said. "They asked about height, weight and age. And, of course, they asked for any experience you might have as well."

Filming took place on a farm in Volant.

"I was surprised that we were in a tent in the middle of a corn field. While I didn't expect a 5-star hotel room, I would have liked to be somewhere more dry and less dirty," Allen said.



Photograph by Joshua Storey

The sun took its toll on extras, as well.

"My nose was so red from sunburn, I could have substituted for Rudolph if it were Christmastime," Meade joked.

Others involved with the casting call were: Jane Perkins, Carol Eberhart, Audra Eberhart, Kate McLaughry, Bill McLaughry, Gene and Thelma DeCaprio, Rich Marmura, Justin Bryan, Loretta Shelenberger, Courtney Mann, Mary Ann Harms, Erin Halpin and Jessica Brown.

The season premiere will air Sep. 25 at 9 p.m.

AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

President Bush makes local Labor Day visit

NEVILLE ISLAND, Pa. (AP) _ President Bush, hoping to drive a wedge between Democrats and their big labor base, pledged Monday to fight recession and terrorism on behalf of American workers.

``Congress needs to get moving,'' Bush said during a Labor Day address, urging lawmakers to stop blocking his efforts.

He demanded action on his terrorism insurance, energy, retirement protection and tax-cutting policies, saying Americans are hurting more than economic indicators suggest.

``I know the statistics and all that business, but what I worry about is when I hear stories about people who can't find work,'' Bush said.

Since the 2000 campaign, the president and his advisers have tried to siphon money and votes from organized labor, the cornerstone of the Democratic Party's base.

Though he has not made huge gains overall, Bush has managed to cultivate relationships with two labor leaders: James P. Hoffa of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Douglas J. McCarron of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Both labor leaders are rivals of AFL-CIO president John Sweeney, who leads the federation of 66 international union affiliates.

``When you look at rank-and-file union workers, there is increasing support for President George W. Bush,'' White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. ``They are not in lockstep with some of these older-line liberal labor leaders. There's splits in the labor movement.''

Introducing Bush at a picnic outside a union hall, McCarron said he won't agree with the president on every issue, but that disagreements would be over principle, not personalities, ``because I believe in the integrity of this man.''

Trying to show empathy with the working man, Bush helped several carpenters-in-training practice building a house.

He grabbed hold of a power miter saw and quickly cut four blocks away from two-by-fours. Chuckling, the president held his hand down toward the floor, his fingers gripped in his fist, and pretended to be missing all 10 of his digits.

Playfully offering reporters instructions, Bush said, ``Never put you hands near the saw while it's cutting.''

Bush and unions have worked together to push his energy plan, which includes opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, and imposing new tariffs to help protect the ailing U.S. steel industry.

Still, some Bush policies rankle even Teamsters leaders, including the killing of ergonomics workplace rules, the opening of the U.S. border to Mexican trucks and the renewal of fast-track legislation that did not include labor-backed wage and safety provisions.

Even the steel tariff decision has been watered down by exceptions offered to angry U.S. allies.

His proposal to create a Department of Homeland Security has angered many union leaders who fear that many hard-fought rights, including collective bargaining provisions, will be lost as Bush pushes for flexibility.

Bush dismissed the argument as he talked for 15 minutes to several hundred union workers, who were there by invitation only.

``Anybody who wants to join a union can do so in this crowd'' and still be part of the new department, Bush said. ``But I need the flexibility to ... protect the people. The Senate better get it right.''

The Senate is controlled by Democrats.

He urged Congress to approve the Pentagon budget before a dozen other spending bills awaiting action this fall.

As for the war, he said, ``We're in this for the long haul'' but didn't mention the internal debate over what to do about Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Labor groups are key donors and organizers for Democrats, who cling to a one-seat majority in the Senate and are a handful of seats away from controlling the House. Thirty-six governorships also are at stake in the November elections.

The trip was Bush's 13th as president to Pennsylvania, which has the fifth most electoral votes. He lost the state to Democrat Al Gore in 2000 and since has visited it more than any other.

Unions and their members gave $90 million in donations in the 2000 election cycle, of which 94 percent went to Democrats. Unions made up 11 of the 20 largest political action committee contributors to federal candidates that year.

But Republicans are trying to reach out to skilled-trades unions, which tend to be more conservative politically.

The carpenters union visited by Bush broke away last year from the AFL-CIO, a major Democratic Party ally. The union, with more than 300,000 members, left because it wanted the labor federation to put more financial emphasis on organizing instead of politics.

Ohio college provides free education for Afghan woman

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) _ A young Afghan woman who had to learn in secret during the Taliban regime will no longer have to hide when she wants to open a book. The woman has landed a full scholarship at a small Roman Catholic college in northeast Ohio.

``The first thought I had is that I'm very lucky. I hope for other women to come here also,'' Forozan Farhat, 22, who is enrolled at Notre Dame College of Ohio, told The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer.

Farhat is part of a group of Afghan women who arrived in the United States last week on full scholarships. The drive was begun in January by Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

Two women are attending Roger Williams and the others are going to the University of Hartford in Connecticut; the University of Montana; and the University of Southern Oregon.

Notre Dame welcomed the chance to help.

``Our mission is to serve the underserved, the people who don't have a chance to get an education,'' said the university's president, Anne Deming. ``Hosting Forozan gives us an opportunity to live our mission.''

Notre Dame is paying her $15,552-a-year tuition and housing. The college's food service provider, Normandy Catering, donated meals and the Notre Dame College Bookstore contributed books and supplies.

Deming said she is soliciting money to help bring more Afghan women to campus.

Farhat, whose parents, 17-year-old sister and 20-year-old brother remain in Afghanistan, said she has thought about a career in political science, but also enjoys English and computer science. One goal she's clear on: ``I want to work for my people and my country.''

Farhat said that when she headed for the United States, ``I took off my burqa (head covering) and I became very happy.''

She said that besides being banned from schools under the Taliban, women in Afghanistan had to accept substandard medical care because male doctors were not allowed to examine female patients.

When she was ill, she described her symptoms to a doctor, who then wrote a prescription for one of the limited number of medicines available.

She misses her family, and communication has been difficult since her home has no telephone and electric service is spotty. But Farhat has discovered relatives who relocated to Los Angeles about 15 years ago, and Notre Dame is hoping to raise the money to allow her to visit them.

Churyl Croone, international student adviser at the college, is helping Farhat settle in. She arranged a private place for Muslim prayer five times a day and helped determine what foods Farhat can tolerate after eating so little for so long.

Farhat said other students have welcomed her to the campus, which has 35 international students representing 13 nations. That's about 10 percent of Notre Dame's full-time students.

``It's very nice and pretty here,'' Farhat told Deming. ``I say thank you very much. You should feel that you saved a person from dying.''

Regional Briefs

Dickinson apologizes

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) _ When five kids were kicked off the Dickinson College campus last month for selling cookies to fans at the Washington Redskins practice area, their story became national news.

That just increased profits.

After all the attention, college officials let the kids back on campus and said they could sell cookies made by the school and keep the earnings.

They made more than $2,000. They split half among themselves and planned to present the rest to two local charities at the stadium on Friday.

Last month, Sam Kohler, 11, Henry Kohler, 9, and sister Hanna Kohler, 7, along with Eric Cantor, 11, and Robert Gilroy, 10, were told they couldn't sell homemade cookies at the school because of health concerns.

Convicted murderer

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ A New York man who had originally been accused of murder in a fatal drive-by shooting, but was later convicted on conspiracy and drug charges, was sentenced to up to 45 years in prison on Thursday.

Mark Bennett, 32, received a lighter sentence than his accomplice Marvin Robinson, 27, who was convicted of first-degree murder in the death of Marjorie Raymonds.

Raymonds, 33, was shot on May 27, 2000.

The two men were tried together, but two different juries heard the cases and brought back the different verdicts.

Bennett was found innocent of murder charges.

Three men injured in car fire

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ A man doused a car with gasoline then set it on fire with a lighter, burning the three men inside, police said.

Thomas Risko, 46, of Pittsburgh, was charged with attempted homicide, arson and aggravated assault and taken to the Allegheny County jail Monday, police said. Bail terms were not immediately available and a message left at Risko's home was not immediately returned.

The incident happened shortly before midnight Sunday when Risko, whose car had run out of gas, was filling a can at an A-Plus Sunoco station. A group of men in a Ford Probe were apparently making fun of Risko, police said.

Risko walked to their car, poured gasoline on it and on one of the occupants, then sparked the blaze with a lighter, Pittsburgh police Cmdr. Maurita Bryant said.

An 18-year-old man who was inside the car is in West Penn Hospital with burns covering 60 percent of his body.

The two other men _ whose injuries were not as serious, according to police _ were treated and released from the hospital.

Woman killed at Labor Day block party

PHILADELPHIA (AP) _ A North Philadelphia woman was killed Saturday when a car drove into a Labor Day block party, police said.

Neighbors said Jacqueline Mitchell Miller, 38, was hit because she was trying to help children get out of the way.

A 10-year-old girl was also hit by the car and suffered a broken leg, police said.

The accident happened on Saturday night, as the party was ending. Officials said a speeding car struck Miller and the child at the corner of Dover and Oxford streets and then crashed into a house across the road.

NATIONAL

Government technology progressing at fast rate

By ANICK JESDANUN
AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK (AP) _ Computer databases already have a lot on us: Credit cards keep track of airline ticket purchases and car rentals. Supermarket discount programs know our eating habits. Libraries track books checked out. Schools record our grades and enrollment.

On top of that, government agencies generate amass information on large cash transfers, our taxes and employment, driving history _ and visas, if we're a foreign citizen.

What if computers become smart enough to link all those government and commercial resources and discern patterns from people's electronic traces? Could they help predict behavior? Prevent terrorist attacks?

One of many technology projects begun or accelerated after Sept. 11, an effort headed by former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, is trying to find out.

Such new tools are meant to make us feel safer and more secure. But they also stir concerns that we are unwittingly building a surveillance society.

The latest security-driven technologies include camera systems that compare faces with police mug shots and identification systems based on fingerprints, retinal scans or other biometrics. Already, a computerized profiling system means more screening for some airline passengers based partly on whether they paid cash or bought one-way tickets.

Individually, such technologies appear benign. But taken together, civil libertarians and some technologists say, they open the door to unprecedented intrusions into our lives.

Computers linked to cameras could one day allow profiling based on movement: ``Are you walking funny? Whistling funny?,'' suggests David Holtzman, former chief technology officer with Network Solutions.

We're still a long way from a society where government tracks and records our every move. Poindexter's work at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is just that _ research. His group is working with simulations, deferring decisions on what databases to include and how governments would get industry's cooperation. He acknowledges the privacy concerns and says policy-makers are beginning to discuss how to address them.

So far, potentially intrusive security measures have been limited in their use.

Identix Inc. loaned police face-recognition cameras to help scan visitors to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island during the Memorial Day weekend, and only a few U.S. airports, including Boston's Logan International, have so far tried out such systems from Identix and its competitor, Viisage Technology Inc.

Airports and airlines, meanwhile, have also been exploring biometric ID systems to control employee access and give frequent travelers faster security clearances. But they are largely awaiting guidance and standards from the newly formed Transportation Security Administration, which is still accepting proposals for pilot programs.

Senator urges Bush to rethink military action against Iraq

By WILLIAM C. MANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) _ A leading Republican lawmaker urged President George W. Bush on Sunday to underpin any military action against Iraq with resolutions from the United Nations, demanding that weapons inspectors be allowed to return, and from Congress, giving its approval for action.

Sen. Richard Lugar, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the U.N. Security Council's action would be little more than symbolic, because Iraq would reject the demand and it would be left to the Americans to enforce it.

Just before Lugar spoke on CNN's ``Late Edition,'' Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, interviewed from Baghdad, said the idea of the inspectors' return is ``a nonstarter because it's not going to bring about a conclusion.''

Aziz also insisted, ``Everybody in the world should know that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.''

He invited U.S. Congressional representatives to Iraq to verify that there were no weapons of mass destruction, and said they could bring any scientists or experts they want. But he said the return of U.N. weapons inspectors was pointless because they would not reach any quick conclusions.

``By saying they're not even going to start, (Aziz) gives us the opportunity (to) go back to the U.N. to re-energize our partners, to indicate how unreasonable the Iraqis are, to get resolutions that if we cannot get in _ and apparently we're going to have difficulty doing that _ then we have a military force option,'' Lugar said.

Lugar, a member of Bush's party, was among the earliest Republican leaders to advocate caution by Bush as he contemplates how to deal with what the administration says is President Saddam Hussein's quest for chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. The administration has made ``regime change'' in Iraq a basic goal of its foreign policy.

To end the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Iraq agreed to cease all attempts to obtain such weapons and to allow unrestricted inspections to ensure compliance. Inspectors left in late 1998, just before punitive U.S.-British airstrikes because of Iraq's refusal to cooperate, and Saddam refused to allow the inspectors back in.

Policy on whether to seek renewed weapons inspections after a four-year hiatus or to strike Iraq pre-emptively to remove Saddam has become muddied. Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney said inspectors ``would provide no assurance whatsoever'' of compliance and might even bring ``false comfort'' that Saddam had been contained.

On Sunday, the British Broadcasting Corp. released a text of an interview in which Secretary of State Colin Powell said, ``The president has been clear that he believes weapons inspectors should return.''

Aboard Air Force One on Sunday, as Bush flew back to Washington from a month's vacation in Texas, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush agrees that ``unfettered inspections'' are a required first step toward solving the Iraq problem, but not necessarily enough.

Inspections are ``no guarantee if at the same time the regime in Iraq continues to try to hide weapons of mass destruction,'' McClellan said. The burden is on Iraq, he said, to prove the country is not producing weapons of mass destruction.

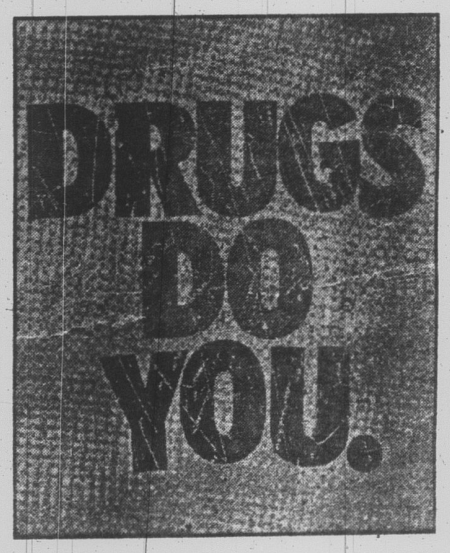
Another Republican senator, Fred Thompson, a member of the Senate intelligence committee, said he sees no reason to even bother with trying to send back the inspectors.

``I think Saddam will not allow inspectors back in, number one. The Security Council will not support us to put inspectors back in, two.

And three, if inspectors went back in, it would be a fool's errand,'' Thompson said on NBC's ``Meet the Press.''

In testimony a few months ago, Thompson said: ``These same former inspectors ... said that there's no way that you can discover and determine what he has. It's too large a country, there are too many facilities. He is a past master, and even better now than he was then, on hiding facilities. And once you get close, he shuts you down.''

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said Baghdad will broaden its diplomatic offensive and send envoys to European capitals to build opposition to threats of a U.S. attack against Iraq.



National Briefs

Movie theater sued

LOS ANGELES (AP) _ Two Afghan-Americans sued the AMC movie theater chain for civil rights violations, claiming they were kicked out of an Orange County show for speaking the native language of Afghanistan.

The federal lawsuit filed Thursday contends that Mohammad Sayed and Omar Zazia were victims of discrimination. It seeks unspecified damages and a court order that AMC take steps to prevent future occurrences.

That could include employee training and a policy against such discrimination, said Ben Wizner, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which filed the suit.

A call to AMC's headquarters in Kansas City was not immediately returned. AMC has about 2,800 screens nationwide.

Sayed and Zazia, both 21, were in an AMC theater in suburban Orange on May 4, talking in English and Pashto while waiting for the movie to start.

They claim a security guard began to stare at them, then returned with an usher and asked them to leave.

The California State University, Fullerton, students were told only that they had been speaking in a foreign tongue and looked suspicious, according to an ACLU statement.

Police were waiting outside to ensure Sayed and Zazia did not try to return to the theater, the statement alleged.

``We couldn't believe it,'' Sayed said in the statement. ``We had just been kicked out of the theater with no explanation and no refund. We had not committed a crime and we were not disruptive or disrespectful.''

Said Zazia: ``But one of the things that being an American has taught me is that you have to stand up for your rights.''

Small plane crashes

SWANZEY, New Hampshire (AP) _ Seven people, including at least two children, were killed Monday when their small plane crashed in the woods outside a southwest New Hampshire airport, authorities said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said there were no survivors.

The plane, a Beech Baron, was registered under a corporate name in Wilmington, Delaware, Peters said. He said the pilot had filed a flight plan for Charleston, West Virginia, but it was not known if that was the final destination.

Witnesses told authorities that the plane appeared to be attempting to return to the Dillant-Hopkins Airport, near Keene, when it crashed about 2 miles (3 kilometers) away, Peters said. Witnesses said there was a large fireball and the plane burned up, he said.

No commercial flights operate from the airport.

Stalker doesn't stop world tennis star

NEW YORK (AP) _ As usual, nothing fazed Serena Williams on court.

With a man who's tracked her around the globe for a year sitting in a jail cell less than 10 miles away, Williams waited out a long rain delay and then eased into the U.S. Open quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Daja Bedanova.

It was the only match completed in a short break from the rain.

The same German man accused of following Williams at tournaments in Europe, was arrested early Saturday at the National Tennis Center after police spotted him watching through a fence while she played.

Albrecht Stromeyer, 34, will remain in custody at Rikers Island

until a court appearance on Thursday unless he posts $3,000 bail.

Stromeyer admitted in a written statement to police that he had

been following Williams around the world.

INTERNATIONAL

Government claims TV porn has gotten out of hand

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP)-For nearly two decades it has been France's Saturday night naughtiness: no-holds-barred pornography, beamed to TV sets in millions of homes across the land.

All the while, few people complained about ``le porno du Samedi soir,'' as the French cheerfully call it _ until this summer. Then government-appointed regulators touched off a cultural debate by urging channels to drop the porn, and at the same time lobbying the legislature for the power to force compliance if TV executives don't go along.

The TV porn started back in 1984, when pioneering broadcaster Canal Plus introduced X-rated films on the first Saturday of the month to help build its image as a brash and racy new alternative to France's stuffy old channels.

Canal Plus, France's first pay-TV channel, has since blossomed into a darling of the cultural establishment, because it provides much-needed financial support to French filmmakers battling Hollywood domination.

But regulators and others say TV porn has gotten out of hand. They cite concerns that the increasing amount of such shows threatens the moral and mental well-being of young people.

It's not that France, long known for sexual openness and liberal mores, has suddenly grown prudish. Rather, the debate exposes the intensity of French fears that young people are becoming caught up by drugs, violence, sex and crime.

Crime, particularly increasing youth crime, was a dominant topic of presidential and parliamentary elections last spring. Among cases that made headlines: gang rapes of teenagers by other teens.

Few lay the blame for such violence squarely at pornography's door. But some experts argue that porn may help push some young criminals over the edge, and more generally that it degrades women and encourages unsafe sex practices.

One of the first actions of the center-right government that won June legislative elections was to commission political philosopher Blandine Kriegel to study violence on TV, including sexual violence.

``Doctors, psychologists, teachers and educators, lawyers, judges, journalists and finally parents think that violent images remain too easily accessible and available on television,'' said Culture Minister Jean-Jacques Aillagon. ``The government cannot remain indifferent to such a situation.''

The TV watchdog, the Conseil Superieur de L'Audiovisuel, says five French broadcast, cable and satellite channels carry 103 X-rated shows each month. When pay-per-view movies are included, the number rises to 943.

``Erotic programs always sell. Sex still interests people,'' said Richard Maroko, programming director for AB Groupe, whose porn channel XXL reaches 1 million cable and satellite subscribers.

But Maroko, speaking in a phone interview, said he did not want to comment about the proposed ban on TV porn. ``Too complicated,'' he said.

Other TV executives and critics of the proposed ban say singling out television will not stop young people from seeing porn on the Internet or videotapes, and say no prohibition can curb adolescent curiosity about sex. They also argue that banning porn from TV would infringe the rights of adults who watch it.

Canal Plus, which claims 4.9 million subscribers, says it has no intention of changing its programming. It says it broadcasts porn only between midnight and 5 a.m. and, in any event, parents can prevent children watching by unplugging the special receiver needed watch Canal broadcasts.

According to a study commissioned by the regulatory commission, 11 percent of children ages 4 to 12 in households that subscribe to Canal Plus see at least one minute of porn a year.

Some critics suggest part of the answer would be to punish adults who let children watch.

But for well-known French pornographer John B. Root the problem is not one of genre, but of the poor quality of many of today's porn movies.

``No one would have thought to make porn the scapegoat for society's ills if it offered amusing, well-made films, aphrodisiac works, stories of desire and of pleasure,'' Root wrote in an impassioned appeal against the proposed ban. ``Its subject matter is physical love _ a subject that has offered masterpieces to painting, sculpture and literature.''

AIDS-Like epidemic wiped out huge number of chimpanzees

By TOBY STERLING
Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)_ Dutch researchers theorize that an AIDS-like epidemic wiped out huge numbers of chimpanzees 2 million years ago, leaving modern chimps with resistance to the AIDS virus and its variants.

If true, the hypothesis would explain why chimps, which share more than 98 percent of their DNA with humans, don't develop AIDS.

The theory stems from a study of DNA in 35 chimps conducted by the Biomedical Primate Research Center in the Netherlands. The chimps in the study shared an unusually uniform cluster of genes in the area that controls their immune systems' defenses against disease.

``Chimps show more genetic variation than humans in all areas _ with this one exception, which is seriously condensed,'' said Dr. Ronald Bontrop, who led a Dutch team that worked with statisticians from the University of California.

The findings will be published in the coming issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences of the United States. An online version was already available on the academy's Web site.

Bontrop told The Associated Press that the chimp's lack of genetic diversity, which was found in genes related to the immune system's defense against disease, suggests that a lethal sickness attacked chimps in the distant past.

This unknown disease would have wiped out all or almost all chimps that didn't have the right immune system genes to fend it off, leaving the survivors with a uniform set.

This, combined with the knowledge that modern chimps are largely immune to the AIDS virus and its simian variants, pointed toward an AIDS-like disease as the culprit.

Scientists believe that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, originated in apes or monkeys and was transferred or mutated its way into the human population about 50 years ago.

Dr. Luis Montaner, an associate professor at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia who studies HIV and wasn't involved in the Dutch study, said the findings were intriguing.

``They justify looking at wild populations of chimpanzees to see if they show the same reductions (in genetic variability) as the chimps in the study,'' he said.

If the findings hold true for all chimpanzees populations, he said, an AIDS-like epidemic in the past would be a plausible explanation _ but not the only one. It could have been caused by a sickness unrelated to AIDS, or an epidemic which occurred more recently.

The theory put forward by the Dutch researchers notes that chimps split into four subspecies around 1.5 million years ago. Since all subspecies represented in the study share the same genetic reduction, the researchers estimated the epidemic happened before that split.

Additional evidence from other studies suggested that bonobo apes also have a genetic reduction similar to that of the chimps, pushing the time of the epidemic back to 2 million years ago, when bonobos and chimpanzees shared a common ancestor.

But Montaner, the independent researcher, said a more modern disease could have spread among the various subspecies, even though they are separated by wide distances.

He also said there is no definitive proof linking specific genes with resistance to AIDS in either chimpanzees or humans, although researchers have found some evidence and are looking for more.

Bontrop said that chimpanzee immune systems appear to defeat HIV by targeting part of the virus's proteins that don't mutate. A similar defense mechanism may be at work in humans who have been exposed to HIV repeatedly but don't get sick, he said, suggesting an area for further study.

``It's important to understand mechanisms of disease and resistance in order to help develop vaccines,'' Bontrop said.

Both Bontrop and Montaner said it was impossible to estimate what percentage of chimps would have had to be killed off in order to leave survivors with such a depleted gene pool, but it would have to be high _ possibly as much as 90 percent or more.

If the theory of an ancient chimp epidemic would hold true for humans, he said, ``the implications are pretty scary.''

InternationalBriefs

600,000 ecstasy pills found

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) _ Belgian police said Monday they found a shipment of drugs, including some 600,000 ecstasy pills and 34 kilograms (75 pounds) of heroin, worth six million euro (dlrs 5.9 million) in a parked truck trailer.

Police in the city of Kortrijk, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of the capital, said they decided to search the abandoned trailer, parked on a highway rest area close to the French border, following regular checks on other trucks and trailers nearby.

No arrests have been made so far, Louis Denecker from the Kortrijk prosecutor's office said. But he added that an investigation had begun.

It was not immediately clear where the shipment had come from or where its final destination was.

The truck also contained 104 kilograms (229 pounds) of hashish and 602,000 capsules of liquid ecstasy.

Al-Qaida financers to be brought before a judge

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) _ Eight men accused of helping finance al-Qaida and recruit fighters for Osama bin Laden's network appeared before a Dutch judge on Monday.

The men, whose nationalities and names have not been released, were arrested Friday in different parts of the Netherlands, the National Prosecutor's Office said in a statement. They appeared before a judge in Rotterdam on Monday, the statement said, but prosecutors didn't specify what charges they face.

The men are accused of providing financial and logistical services to al-Qaida, as well as recruiting fighters for the group who were prepared to die for the jihad, or Muslim holy war, the statement said. Four other suspects held briefly in the case were later released.

In a separate case, a judge in Rotterdam extended the custody of three suspects accused of plotting attacks against U.S. targets in France and Belgium. Officials have said they have not found any immediate link between the two cases.

Wealthy nations to increase financial assistance

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) _ Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi urged wealthy nations to dramatically increase financial assistance to the developing world, saying his country would write off nearly dlrs 4 billion in debt from poor countries over the next few years.

Speaking at the World Summit on poverty and the environment, he also promised to expand other initiatives, including a proposal to contribute at least 1 percent of Value Added Tax to international development projects.

``Rich countries cannot neglect (aid) as they have done,'' Berlusconi said.

Italy will do its ``utmost'' to ensure the summit's ambitious goals are achieved, he said.

Summit delegates were negotiating the final details of a plan to bring electricity, clean water, sanitation and health care to the world's poor, while preserving the environment.

SPORTS

New future for Titans Football

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – To say that the 2002 football season has been eagerly anticipated at Westminster College would be a gross understatement.

After four years of football purgatory – two seasons playing in a lame duck situation in the NCAA Division II GLIAC and two seasons of ineligibility for conference titles and national playoffs while being reclassified to NCAA Division III – the arrival of the 2002 campaign means the end of one difficult era and the beginning of a bright new future for Titan football.

Westminster was officially accepted as a full member of NCAA Division III by the B-III membership committee at its June 2002 meeting. As a result all Titan sports teams, including the football program, are now eligible for Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) titles and national playoffs at the Division III level.

Third-year head coach Jerry Schmitt (12-7 in two seasons) will work with a group that includes 38 returning letterwinners and 12 returning starters, as he attempts to improve last year's 4-5 record. Joining him on the staff will be veteran coaches Bill Bestwick, Scott Renninger, Scott Seltzer and Brad Tokar on offense and Pat Cuba, John Klein and Len Rich on defense, as well as new offensive coaches Brad Powell and Nate Tengowski.

On the offensive side of the ball, junior Matt Robinson (Pulaski/Wilmington Area H.S.) begins his second year as the starting quarterback for the Titans. Robison threw for 1,363 yards and 11 touchdowns as a sophomore. Joining Robison for signalcaller duties will be junior Kevin Huber (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.), who sees time in short-yardage situations while also working as a slot receiver.

Sophomore Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) returns at tailback after a breakout freshman season which saw him lead the team with 761 yards rushing, including a career-best 198-yard outing in the final game of the season against Waynesburg. The fullback position in front of Froelich is up for grabs, with senior Travis Lively (Freedom/Freedom H.S.), junior Ryan Mitchell (Warren, OH/Warren G. Harding H.S.) and sophomore (Pittsburgh/Canevin Catholic H.S.) among the expected competitors.

The biggest loss on offense will at wide receiver, where the Titans must replace graduated record-setting wideout Brian Lipiello. Lipiello caught 52 balls for a school-record 866 yards and 10 touchdowns a year ago. Junior Steve Scott (Pittsburgh/Thomas Jefferson H.S.) and sophomore Matt Steve (Greensburg/Hempfield H.S.) both saw time as starters opposite Lipiello in 2001 and will be expected to take more of the workload this fall. Other players competing for time include junior Brian Ekis (Boardman, OH/Boardman H.S.) and sophomore Ben Haug (New Middletown, OH/Springfield Local H.S.). The passing game also has a weapon at tight end in senior returning starter Nevin Baker (Erie/McDowell H.S.), who earned PAC Coaches Honors a year ago.

Three full-time starters and a pair of part-time starters make up an experienced nucleus of returnees on the offensive line. Seniors Brandon Apple (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) and Philip Neel (Cranberry Township/Seneca Valley H.S.) and junior Glenn Silvidi (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) are each multi-year starters, while senior Rick Roden (Mineral Ridge, OH/Mineral Ridge H.S.) and junior Aaron Detwiler (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) have also sseen time in the lineup. Sophomores Kris Reash (Columbiana, OH/Columbiana H.S.), Phil Frye (Mineral Ridge, OH/Mineral Ridge, H.S.) and Corey Devey (Munhall/Steel Valley H.S.) will be among a group of young players battling for playing time.

Defensively, the strength will likely once again be the defensive line, which will be anchored by returning senior starters Erick Pabis (Belle Vernon/Belle Vernon H.S.) and Charles Kiger (Waynesburg/Waynesburg Central H.S.) at the tackle positions. Juniors Jim Chaney (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) and Jason Sanata (Brookfield, OH/Brookfield H.S.) will be among the competitors for the open defensive jobs, while senior Barry Marks (Reynoldsville/DuBois H.S.) and sophomore Tony Venresco (Boardman, OH/Boardman H.S) are also experienced returnees.

The linebacking corps will be anchored by senior Joe Bianco (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.), a multi-year starter at defensive end, who will switch positions to replace the departed Eric Witt at middle linebacker. Junior Nick Fritch (Cheswick/Fox Chapel H.S.) returns as a starter at one outside position, while a replacement is needed for the graduated Cory Shaw at the other outside slot. Competitors for the job include junior Pat Vereb (New Castle/Mohawk H.S.) and sophomores Jerry Bonenberger (Pittsburgh/Mount Lebanon H.S.), Ryan Aleski (McKees Rocks/Montour H.S.) and Mike Turovsky (Garfield Heights, OH/Garfield Heights H.S.).

The Titan secondary will have a new look in 2002 following the departure of three graduated starters. Junior Mike McKee (Warren, OH/Warren JFK H.S.) returns as the starter at one cornerback position, with junior Mike Cubellis (New Castle/Neshannock H.S.) and sophomore Justin Martinchek (Washington/Washington H.S.) among those battling for the opposite corner position. At safety, senior Joe Stern (Pittsburgh, Chartiers Valley H.S.) will likely see time after playing corner a year ago. He will compete with sophomores Clint DeLuca (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) and Kevin Kresinski (Oil City/Oil City H.S.) for the starting positions.

A replacement must be found for the graduated Jon McCartney, who handled punting and kicking duties the past three years. Sophomores Phil McCann (New Castle/Wilmington Area H.S.) and Josh Simpson (Houston/Chartiers-Houston H.S.) both performed well in limited kicking duty a year ago, while McCann is the frontrunner for the punting position. Steve and Martinchek are both experienced kick returners, while the punt returner job is currently open.

Founded in 1852 and related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Westminster College is ranked in the top ten in the country in graduation rate performance, according to U.S News & World Report, and is the most affordable national liberal arts college in Pennsylvania. Westminster is also recognized by Yahoo! Internet Life as "one of America's Most Wired Colleges" and by the Templeton Guide as a "Character Building College."

Over 1,600 students benefit from individualized attention from dedicated faculty, while choosing from 39 majors and nearly 100 organizations on the New Wilmington, Pa. campus.

WC Sports Briefs

Nicole Beaver named PAC women's Cross Country Runner of the Week

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – Westminster senior women's cross country standout Nicole Beaver (Library/South Park H.S.) has been named Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week, for the week ending September 1, 2002.

Beaver won her first collegiate career individual race title on Saturday, captruing the Westminster Fisher Invitational in a time of 20:33, edging a pair of runners from Penn State-Behrend by one second.

With Westminster beginning its first season as a full member of NCAA Division III and the PAC, Beaver becomes the first-ever Westminster student-athlete to earn PAC Athlete of the Week honors in any sport.

Westminster cross country returns to action this Saturday (Sept. 7), as the Titan and Lady Titan harriers compete at the Thiel College Invitational in Greenville at 10a.m

Women's soccer team falls to 0-3

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – The Westminster women's soccer team fell to 0-3 on the season today, asthe Lady Titans dropped a 3-2 non-conference contest to the College of Wooster in their home opener in New Wilmington.

Westminster opened the scoring in the game's 20th minute as junior forward Alyssa Pyle(Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.) scored her first goal of the season off an assist by senior forward Tammy Newell(Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.), giving the Lady Titans a 1-0 advantage they would take until halftime. However, Wooster exploded with three goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half to take a 3-1 advantage. The Lady Titans cut the lead to 3-2 on a goal by Newell assisted by sophomore midfielder Angie DePascale(Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) with less than five minutes to play, but would get no closer.

Wooster held a 15-10 shot advantage in the contest, while Westminster led in corner kicks 2-0. Lady Titan sophomore goalkeeper Lisa Santoriella (South Euclid, OH/Beaumont H.S.) made six saves in the first 59:30, while classmate Laura Vollmer (Butler/Butler H.S.) made a pair of saves in the final 30:30.

The Lady Titan kickers will look for their first win this Saturday (Sept. 7), as Westminster hosts Kenyon College in a non-conference game in New Wilmington at 3:30 p.m.

Women's volleyball team improves to 3-2

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – The Westminster College volleyball team improved to 3-2 on the season in their home opener tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titans posted a 30-27, 30-19, 31-29 win over visiting Allegheny College in a non-conference match. The Gators dropped to 1-4 with the loss.

Leading the way for the Lady Titans was the senior middle hitter duo of Suzanne Fitz(Strongsville, OH/Strongsville H.S.) and Katie Spehar (Malvern, OH/Malvern H.S.) with 12 and 10 kills, respectively, followed closely by junior outside hitter Diana Barnes (Twinsburg, OH/Twinsburg H.S.) with nine kills. Senior Carolee Reed (Hudson, OH/Hudson H.S.) set up a team-high 37 assists and posted a team-best 11 digs, while junior Lindsay Simmons (East Palestine, OH/Crestview H.S.) recorded three service aces. Vicki Kajdar led Allegheny with team-high totals of nine kills and 25 assists.

The Lady Titan spikers return to action this Friday and Saturday (Sept. 6-7), as Westminster will compete at the College of Wooster Invitational in Wooster, Ohio. The next Westminster home match is one week from tonight on Tuesday, Sept. 10 against non-conference foe Mount Union.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why do my neighbors feel the need to randomly scream in the middle of the night?

I love the freshmen (oops, I mean first years). Welcome to Westminnie!!!

Pac-Man rules all!

I like pie.

Be considerate in the morning...just because you're up doesn't mean everyone else is.

w00t!

Why do I get a ticket if I park in a food service space, yet they can steal all of the spaces in my lot they want?

What is up with the line, going up the stairs and out the Galbreathe door?

I think the school plumber deserves a raise. He is great.

Have you seen my roommate?

I love the new TUB "Ikea" chairs...it's like sitting on a cheese grater.

Did someone slip me a laxative?

Give Bessie give! My baby's gotta live!

Moo.

Big, hairy, million-legged bugs are not fun to wake up too.

Following the rules is an important virtue.

At last, lemony fresh victory is mine!

Dogs smell funny.

Hooray for cute boys!

Holla!

I really like the new furniture in Ferg, but wouldn't it have been smart to have pins ready for students to bunk and loft their beds?

When I grow up I want to be a builetin board.

Ahh, the Tri-Force is complete.

I like gum. Yeah gum.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of teh Westminster community. The Holcad does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Fresh Start

Except for the students who transferred here during the spring semester, everyone here has gone through (some might say suffered through) Fresh Start. Westminster's own personal version of orientation. Go to anyone on campus and say "Remember that time in Fresh Start..." Chances are you will be met with rolled eyes and probably exasperated sighs.

The activities are supposed to build friendships and help new students adjust, but it seems that the only thing the activities help people do is bond over how much they hate the activities.

There is a sort of deer-in-headlights effect, a "Freshman Funk" that has to be wear off over time. It is a natural adjustment period when we make the transit from High School to College. Plus not many people know what to expect during those first few weeks of freshman life. Some students get over their "funk" faster than others, maybe they had an older sibling in college, or they have lived in a college town all their life, but everyone gets over it eventually. Does playing a name game really make the fog of college life disapate any quicker? Does ryming you name with a type of food make you feel more like a college student, or more like a doofus?

A lot of people assume they will be thrown into a brave new world of higher education, left out with the wolves so to speak, do or die. Some schools are like that--you get your scedule, you get shown around campus, then you get tossed out into the great unknown. Here though, the smiling Fresh Start staff offers cookies and games, meal time, and Meeting time. Who is to say which method is better, but you at college arrive expecting to be treated like an adult; instead you get Kool-Aid.

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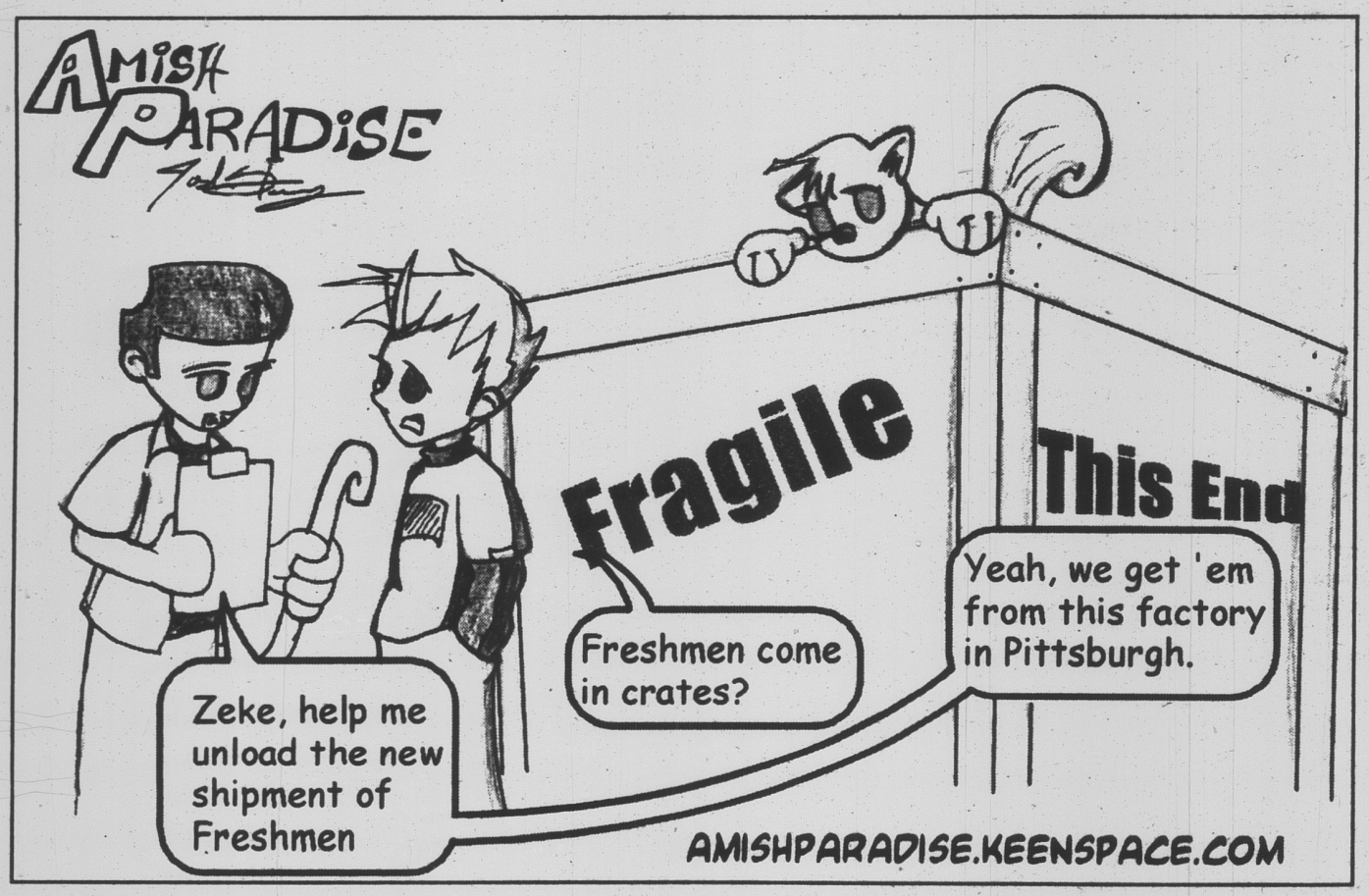
It could be worse, and as we become upper classmen we tend to forget that we too were once wide eyed first years. But there must be a way to make the process less patronizing. By the time we arrive at college, most of us are ready to vote. Do we really need all the hand holding? If treated like adults students will act like adults.

There is a joke that says once you get to college you regress back to preschool: you start taking naps, snack time is key, ectera. Fresh Start only enhances the paralles. Maybe it is time for our Orientation program to graduate from elementary school and see what its like to be one of the big kids.



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Will September 11 tribute heal or harm

Staff Editorial
Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

OXFORD, Miss. — We're just a week away from the big day; and if you thought last year's coverage became repetitive, just wait. Plans arecurrently underway from every organization, television network, governmentalbody and social group in America for Sept. 11 tributes. The outpouring of respect is justifiable and expected but watch out for the presentation.

In the wake of last year's attacks we saw a flood of good intentioned, badly executed fundraisers and specials that featured celebrities urging Americans to give money to an array of charities. It took months for reports to surface claiming that most of the money raised didn't reach where it was supposed to.

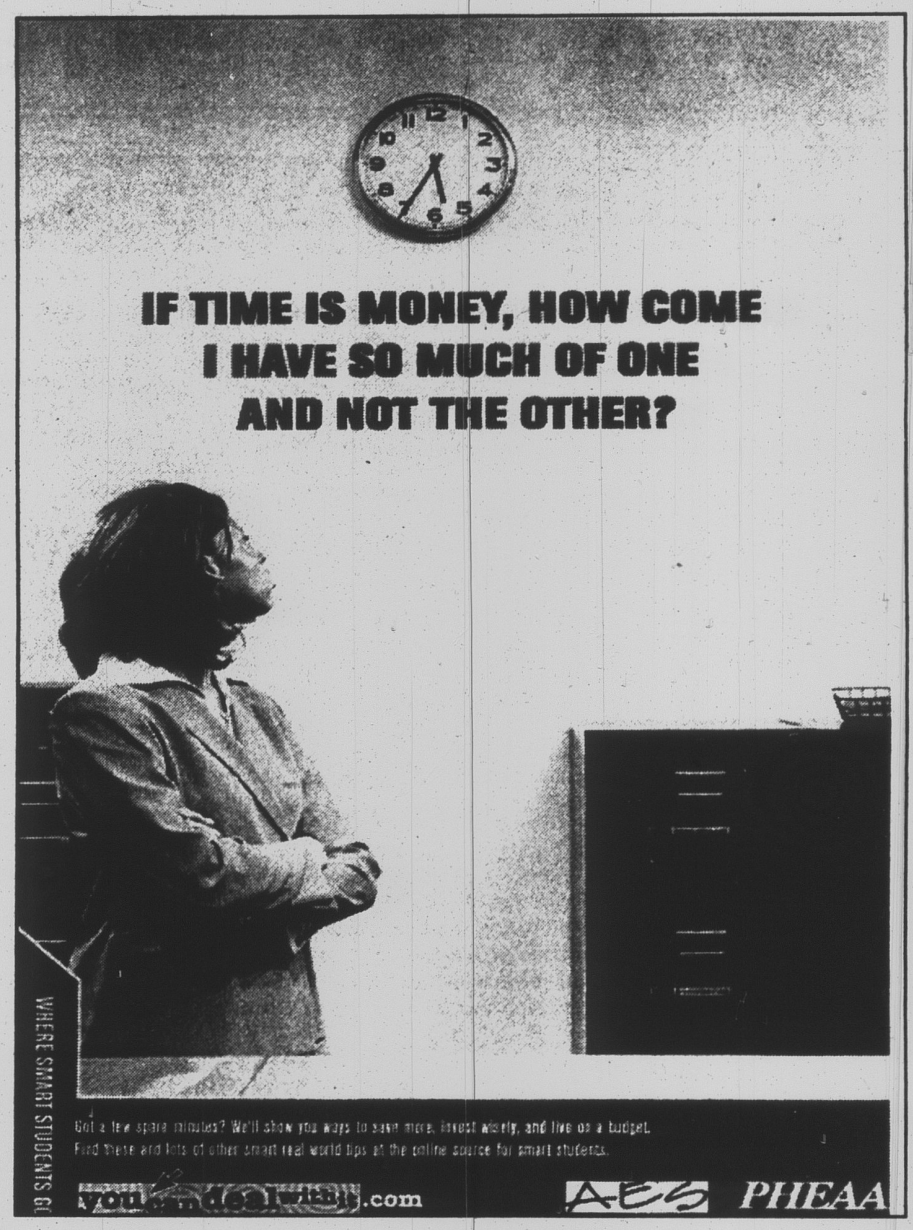
Charity won't be the centerpiece of next week's programming? remembrance will. Unfortunately that remembrance will more than likely involve overblown musical tributes chock full of B-grade actors and hammy radio stars. Yes, Sept. 11 was monumental beyond anyone's scale. Yes, it was arguably the darkest day ever for the country, or at least for those alive for it.

But none of these facts warrant overblown, marketing-oriented "specials." Television producers and public relations representatives should take note that less is more and Americans are trying to heal by moving on, not by revisiting the horror we witnessed through song and dance numbers on live television.

It's time for Americans to take stock in the progress (or lack thereof) we've made since last year and continue living our lives. Commemorative books and programs are suitable, but it's encouraged not to dwell on the fact. CNN and CBS are both releasing DVDs of their coverage that day, and while the discs will certainly serve as a teaching tool for journalists and a historical reference for generations to come, it's hard to imagine families sitting down and watching the discs for entertainment value or any value other than mourning.

Years from now Hollywood will produce films about Afghanistan and the World Trade Center the same way D-Day and Vietnam are immortalized in our memories as films more than events. But instead of years passing by until the events are recognized, we're being inundated with media coverage that's hurting and not helping.

Hopefully, a week from now will end things, rather than reopen our wounds.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CHESKY AND ADAMS GO TO THE MOVIES

SIMONE NOT WORHT SEVEN BUCKS

Elizabeth Adams

I was the only person in the theater to see Simone, Al Pacino's latest flick. I sat smack in the middle, took off my shoes, stretched out obnoxiously and settled in. Then I tried to turn on my laptop. Dead battery. So, I had to scramble through my bag to find a pen and paper. Now I'm in Patterson lab, trying to decipher my handwriting on the back of my tuition invoice, which claims I owe $27. Ridiculous.

Simone was directed and written by New Zealander Anthony Niccol, who is credited with such films as The Truman Show and Gattaca. Simone pokes fun at the high maintenance personalities of Hollywood actors and the God-complexes of those behind the scenes: the producers, directors and writers. Nicola Anders (Winona Ryder), a "supermodel with a SAG card," drops out of Oscar-winning director Victor Taransky's (Al Pacino) movie on the last day of shooting, leaving Taransky in need of an immediate replacement.

Enter Simone, or Simulation One, and a star is "digitized." Taransky creates Simone (Rachel Roberts), a virtual actress who becomes a huge hit. Taransky makes film after film, casting Simone with lead roles, until the fame surrounding the computer-generated starlet eclipses Taransky's artsy message-laden movies. With Simone's increasing fame, it becomes difficult to keep her simulated status under wraps.

Highlights of this movie: Catherine Keener plays the vapid ex-wife and boss of Taransky. I really enjoyed her in Being John Malkovich, so I was pumped when I learned she was in the film. Keener's performance as the shallow and dim-witted Elaine Christian was impressive. I definitely wanted to shake her silly, so her performance generated a response. Also, the interaction between Pacino and Roberts was believable and moving, especially when you consider Simone was a "synthespian." Their relationship was reminiscent of those in cinematic greats My Fair Lady and Weird Science, which is possibly one of the best movies to come out of the 1980s.

Problems with this movie: Winona Ryder is in it, albeit briefly, but still, she's in it. I have this irrational dislike for Ryder, especially since her shoplifting drug-sporting Beverly Hills stunt. I watched her carefully in the movie, making sure she didn't lift any of the props. Another problem is that Al Pacino's hair is black. Raven black. The guy must be pushing 80 years old. His hair should be fairly gray, if not altogether white. It was distracting.

In short, if you liked The Truman Show and tolerated Gattaca, you'll probably enjoy this movie. But it's not worth seven bucks, unless the Holcad is paying for your ticket, too. I'll give this movie a B. Watch it when it comes out on video. In the meantime, rent Being John Malkovich and Weird Science.

Spiderman gets an A

ScoobyDoo: B

Jenna Chesky

So many movies, so little time, so what better way to begin the semester than with a starlit night and a double feature? Saturday evening when the sky turned inky black, once all scheduling hassles, cafeteria lines and parking problems were forgotten, CPC presented its second annual drive-in movie.

Spiderman, directed by Sam Raimi, opened this summer to rave reviews and monster crowds. It seems this comic book action/fantasy packs enough punch to keep the audiences coming back into late August... or maybe it was the free pop and popcorn.

Shot like a comic book, the obscure camera angles and colorful scenes keep your eyes fixed on Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire/Spiderman) as he tries to get the girl (Kirsten Dunst) and battle evil.

The film was well adapted from the comic book pages to the screen. The plot was fast paced and littered with cheesy lines. The special effects and computer animation blended so well that even I couldn't tell the difference at times. Whoever cast this film is brilliant in my mind for one specific reason: Willem Dafoe (Norman Osborn/Green Goblin). Dafoe as the foe, it really doesn't get much better. In a fantastic confrontation scene with a mirror, Dafoe's struggle between good and evil grabs hold of the audience and doesn't let go. The slight echo that rang from the walls of the field house aided in the serene realness of Dafoe's evilness. In the gloomy final scene, the foreshadowing was obvious when the characters were left without closure to suggest a sequel. Will Peter Parker get MJ? Can our hero outsmart the villain? Will audiences be back for more? My vote is yes.

As the night grew chilly, the crowd thinned for the second feature, Scooby Doo. Soon after our bathroom breaks, those of us still buried beneath blankets were rolling in laughter. Something about this film gets to the child in everyone. Raja Gosnell transformed the cartoons of yesteryear into strikingly similar live action versions with a mishmash of talent. Freddie Prinze played an uppity, arrogant yet adorable Fred, Sarah Michelle Gellar recited her lines in the usual Buffy fashion and the guys in the computer animation lab, with the help of Neil Fanning, gave life to Scooby Doo. The two breakouts were Linda Cardellini as Velma and Matthew Lillard as Shaggy. First off, who's heard of Cardellini? Anyone? No, didn't think so. This girl is good and well on her way to more screen appearances. She played Velma to a T and somehow got the audience rooting for the Velmster instead of Daphne to win Fred's heart. Matthew Lillard stole the show and ran with it. The guy is Shaggy; there's no other way to put it. If you've ever seen the cartoon, you can guess the plot of the film, so I won't even bother. But, I will say it was as twisty-turny as an abandoned, spooky roller coaster.

This lighthearted family flick had a few PG-13 moments that gave everyone but oblivious chiod chuckle. Despite the random cameo by Pamela Lee, I enjoyed this flick. Bottom Line: Props to CPC for an incredible evening, Spiderman: A, Scooby Doo: B; blame Pammo.

End of summer does not mean an to end fun times

Summer is ending: What to do?

We are only three weeks into school, so you're on your own for entertainment. Not only are there few social activities this early, but the summer is once again coming to a tragic end. The cooler air hits the streets at dusk, our alarm clocks sound and the mosquitoes become our enemies.

But don't let the negative aspects wear you down. End the summer and start the school year with a bang!

The weather has been gorgeous, so why are you sitting around lazily? Get out and take advantage of the afternoon sun and the evening breeze. Take a stroll. Walking around campus may help you to conjure up some fond WC memories.

A good way to forget about schoolwork and stay active is to round up some friends (preferably one with a volleyball) and head over to the sanded volleyball court. Close your eyes and imagine the beach. The screeching of seagulls, waves crashing against the shore and yes, what is that? Horse carriages traveling in the middle of the street? Alright, so the volleyball court isn't exactly paradise, but it is a great place to spend an evening with friends.

So, it's 1 a.m. and you have a bundle of energy. You and your roommates forget about quiet hours and wake up your RD by blasting Michael Jackson and dancing around causing the light fixtures in the room underneath you to dance too-Not the best idea. Why not head over to JT's Café where you can dance, sing and hang out in the middle of the night with no problems?

Another great place to hang out is the TUB, relaxing on the comfortable new retro-styled furniture. Chat with friends about schoolwork, weekend plans or the mosquitoes while enjoying campus food.

Hopefully at least one of these suggestions sounds appealing. If not, rent a good movie and make some popcorn in your dorm room. If you can't afford to spend your limited income on movie rentals, turn on the television. You might be able to catch a decent flick.

Westminster provides plenty of entertainment, but you have to be patient. In the meantime, catch up with friends, talk about your summer adventures and keep yourself busy.

Upcoming Concerts

Queens of the Stone Age
Club Laga
Pittsburgh, PA
Friday September 06

Great Day
Featuring: The Clarks
With Special Guests: Stroke 9,
The Juliana Theory
Second Stage: Seether,
Martin Sexton
Post Gazette Pavilion
Saturday, September 14 at 2:30

Amy Grant
Orchard Hill Church
Wexford, PA
Monday, September 16 at 7:30

Public Enemy
With Special Guests:
Dilated Peoples, Blackalicious
Metropol
Pittsburgh, PA
Wednesday, September 18 at 8:00

Flaw
w/ Noise Therapy, 3rd Strike
and The Color Red
Nick's Fat City
Wednesday September 18

Incubus
w/ 30 Seconds To Mars
Penn State/ Bryce Jordan Center
Thursday September 19

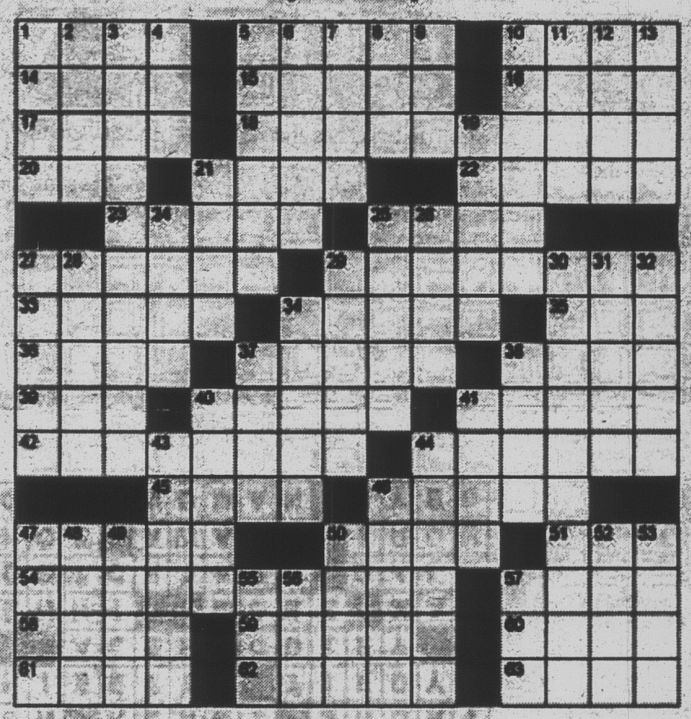
Goldfinger
Metropol
Pittsburgh, PA
Thursday, September 19 at 8:00

Toby Keith
With Special Guests:
Rascal Flatts
Post Gazette Pavilion
Friday, September 20 at 7:30

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

Bar Associations



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34 Paint layers
37 Apportion
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's one of those weeks when you should read the fine print on any contracts. Know what you're getting into. Take care not to let things slide on the job. Business is highlighted this week. The unemployed will receive valuable leads. Others meet with rewards and gains. Finances will receive a favorable boost.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Focus your attention on your career path this week. You will make a major business decision. There is someone who will hurt or upset your feelings. Try not to make a big deal out of it. It's time to rethink spiritual matters. Do your best not to make mountains out of molehills.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You may experience minor delays or frustrations early in the week, but the week will be ideal for romance and going out for fun. Most of the week will find you in a lively and optimistic frame of mind. Be sure to follow through on any commitments made. Emphasize educational pursuits.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
This is a week for creative work and for getting your ideas across to others. You'll be pleased with developments in a child's life. Partners will share your delight and support you. Make sure to state things clearly when instructions or intentions could be easily misunderstood.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
An outing this week may turn out to be more costly than you had expected. Still, you'll have a good time in the company of family and friends. There is an emphasis on romance, creativity and recreational pastimes. At work, there will be satisfaction in the completion of a project.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A nice gift or thoughtful words from a loved one will start the week off well. You'll derive joy today from family matters. Don't dwell on a work problem after dark. Arguing or becoming moody will not rectify matters. You'll be especially shrewd where business matters are concerned.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
It's a great week for making major family decisions, but delays will be likely on the job. Your bright disposition will be very evident, and many will be taken by your grace and charm. Avoid fussing with a lover about a minor concern. Make sure that daydreaming doesn't keep you from accomplishing goals.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Your intuition will be a valuable asset in business dealings all week. It's a great time for buying and selling. Money matters take a turn for the better. Inspiration will help you make new plans in your personal life. Being sincere will help you get your point across.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
This week, domestic concerns and family matters will be very important. Any work of an artistic nature is favored. You may be inspired to start that home remodeling or redecorating you have been thinking about for some time. Make sure to take time out in the evening for leisure.

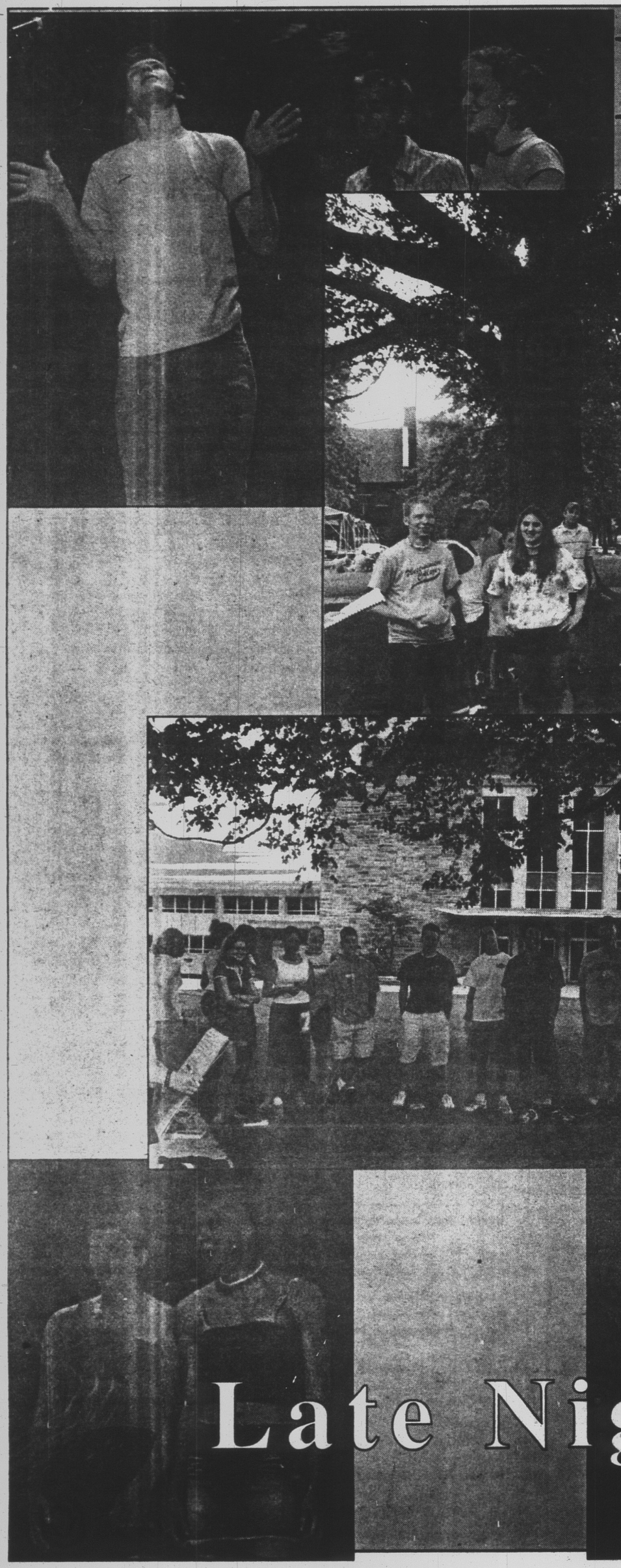
CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Avoid forcing your family to conform to your plans this week. Be patient if a child annoys you. It is a great time for romance and activities with children. Your business goals are in the foreseeable future. Be ready to capitalize on new opportunities. Financial gains are likely.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Behind the scenes developments favor you financially. Home will be the center of most activities this week. Two tasks are finally completed. Take the initiative in contacting a friend you haven't talked to lately. Evenings will be filled with romance and fun, but avoid any excesses.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
Don't be overly critical of people in the workplace this week. You may receive a job opportunity that will let you work from home for the next couple of weeks. Focus your attentions on family and property matters, you may decide on a change of residence. Avoid being hasty in signing any papers.

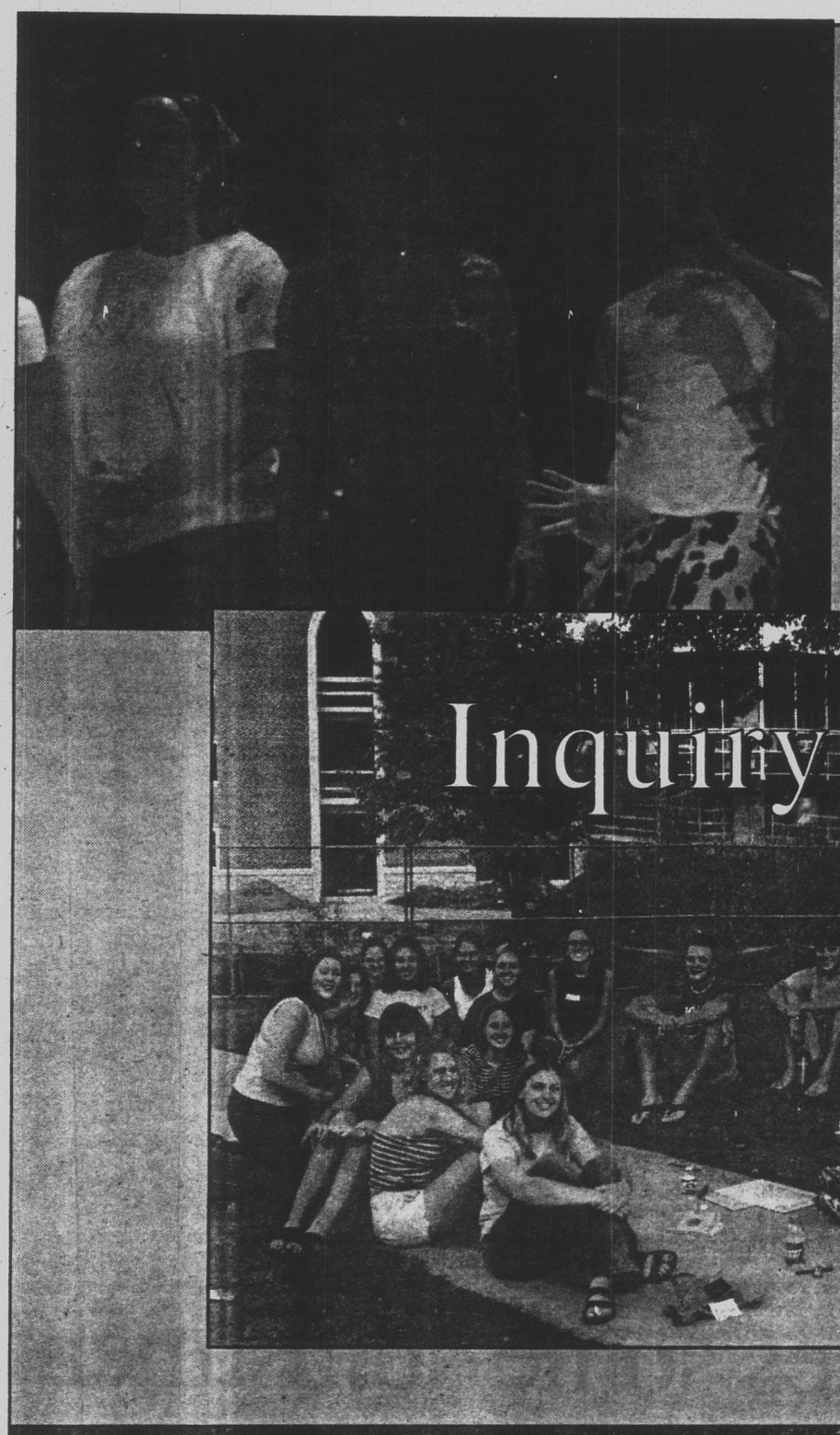
IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Concern for a financial matter may dampen your enthusiasm for socializing. Take care not to shut out others. Keep the lines of communication open. Things will very much go your way, especially where pleasure is found.

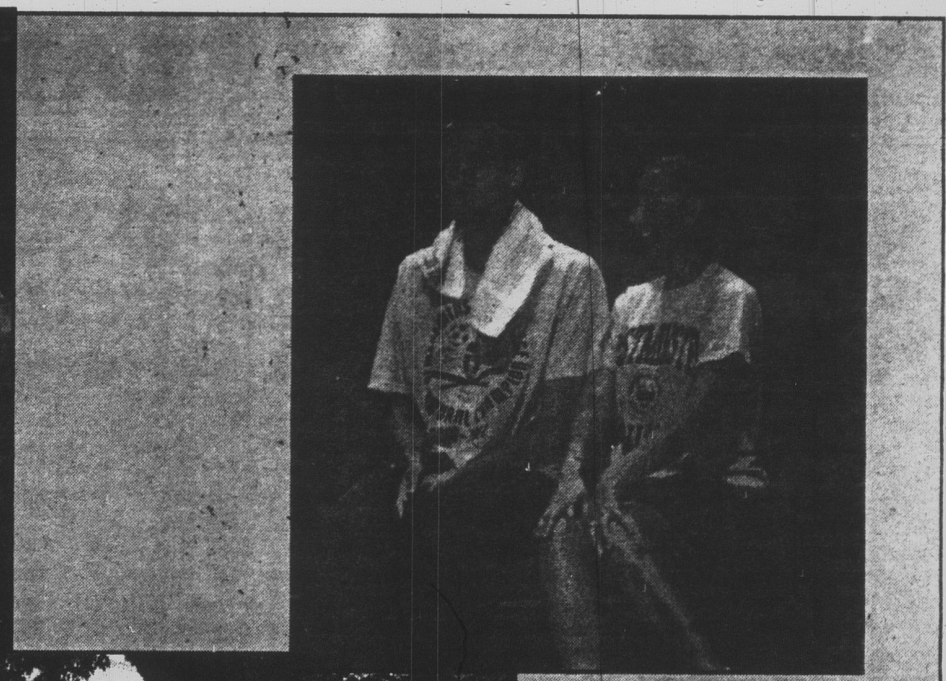
Fresh Start

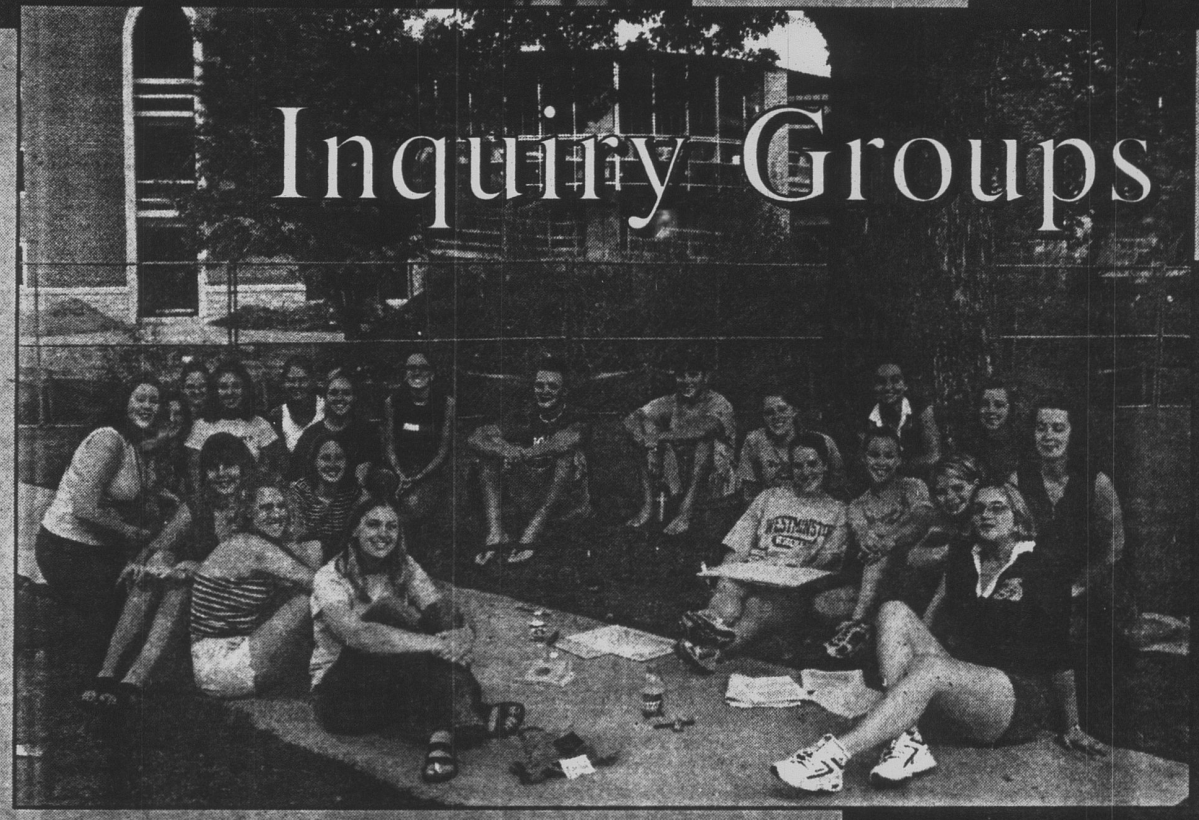


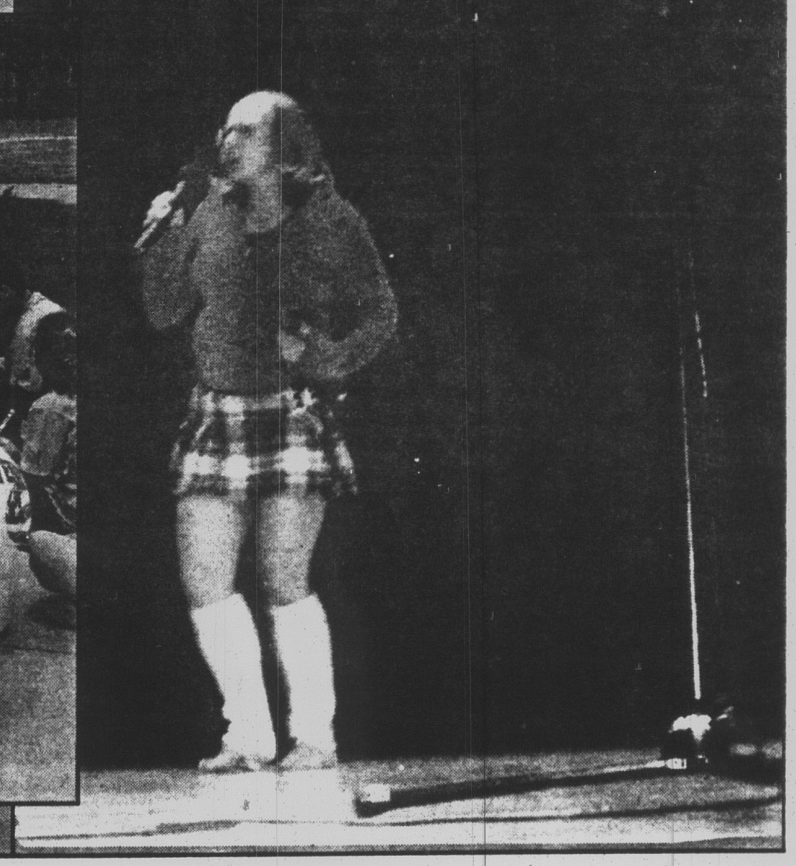
Late Night

Inquiry Groups





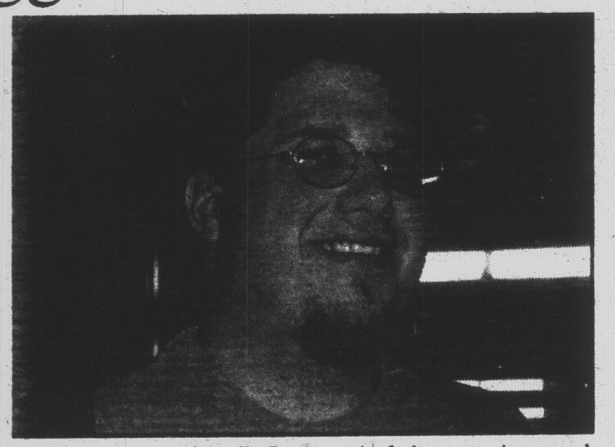




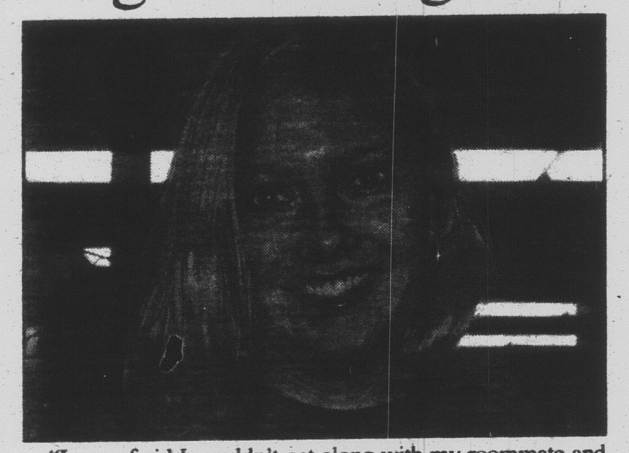
FEATURE

Question of the week:
What was your biggest fear about coming to college?

"Being away from my family for the first time."
– Val Prevade, senior



"I wasn't scared at all. I was excited about coming to college. I couldn't wait for the change of pace from high school."
- **Mike Cosgrove, super senior**



"I was afraid I wouldn't get along with my roommate and that classes would be really hard."
- **Allison Exley, sophomore**

"Maybe that my roommate would suck." - **Alan Higby, junior**

"Probably the fear of failure. I was afraid that classes would be too difficult. So far everyone seems to be nice and I'm doing well."
- **Lauren Weber, freshman**

"I think my biggest fear was being academically inadequate. I thought I was going to be flipping burgers for the rest of my life if I failed out."
- **Jamie Swank, RD of Ferguson**

"I would have to say being alone, not knowing anyone up here." - **Josh Hensler, freshman**

"I was worried about feeling alone and overcoming my fears of public restrooms." - **Stefanie King, senior**

"Probably that I didn't know anyone. Nobody from my school came here." - **Andy Hudak, freshman**

"That I would be surrounded by people who gave college more importance than it deserved and it came true." - **Todd Wilson, junior**

Studying abroad takes some adjustment

by Glynnis Armagost
Features Editor

It was around 7:40 am on Friday morning. The drive from home to Westminster was full of paranoid "What if…" and "How do I…" thoughts. I made it as far as the Grove City Outlets before I confessed to my dad that I was going to be sick. I was leaving behind the place that I called home for the past eighteen years of my life. All I could think about was the over used, cliche advice I heard a million times about college; "College is the best years of your life…It goes by so fast…Freshman fifteen…You meet your true best friends." I was scared of fitting in, scared of going off on my own and I was terrified of communal bathrooms.

The adjustment took forever. I just couldn't find happiness. I felt like I was in high school. Superficiality took over me. I wore a fake smile during the day but with the door closed I let my real feelings out. My roommate and I declared our room as Headquarters for our small circle of friends. The walls were plastered with memorabilia from the past, quotes of encouragement and our only defense of sanity; the "No hoochies allowed!" poster above our door.

We were a part of the infamous Second East of Shaw Hall. How Student Affairs selected our hallway is beyond me because we were trouble…I mean lots of trouble. Our RA was never around and if she was, her door was shut to keep away from us. Drama had everything to do with that hall; drama with boys, roommates, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sex…Second East was out of control.

With the struggle that I had for survival my freshman year, I left in sobbing tears knowing that everything I worked so hard to find would again change the day I came back. Sophomore year was when all of those college cliches started making sense. Life was going as fast as a chugged beer, my fifteen extra pounds were sitting heavy and those true friendships were starting to form.

Sophomore year was an identity struggle. I didn't want to be who I was but I didn't know who I was, so knowing anything was rather difficult. The security that came with freshman year was gone. I felt stuck. My group of friends diminished, people started changing and life was full of confusion.

Over Christmas break of my sophomore year I had the opportunity to travel through the British Isles with an Arthurian Legend class offered at school. The trip completely changed my perspective on life. I knew that traveling was essential for my survival at Westminster. I had such a strong desire for witnessing other walks of life and seeing what the world outside of the Westminster bubble was all about.

I studied abroad in London Fall semester of my junior year. I went from a 2- stoplight town with Amish buggies to a city of 10 million. I was a block away from DeMario's, an Italian restaurant Princess Diana ate at and on my way to class walked past a Children's clothing store that Madonna shopped at for her daughter. Hyde Park was my back yard and Trafalgar Square was a few Underground stops away.

The experiences that came with studying abroad are hard to put into words. I was alone and away, once again, from everything I knew. My best friend was scheduled to arrive at her school in London a month after I got there but after September 11th, no one was sure about anything. I traveled to Barcelona, Spain on two days notice for $100 including the hostile I stayed in. I met up with a family friend studying seminary in Rome and saw a papal mass. On my last night, the strap on my purse ripped as I was leaving my farewell dinner party and I thought it was a sign to stay. It took everything inside me to step on that plane to come home.

Returning to Westminster was rather difficult considering the changes I had gone through. I was a new person, coming home to live in a very small town with people that couldn't understand what I had been through. I didn't even understand.

So here I am, starting my senior year, knowing basically what the college cliches mean, wishing time to go slower because I now know how fast the years really go. Through all the changes, I still struggle with security, identity and everything else that is thrown in your face over the years. I just wish I could get over the whole communal bathroom issue.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Westminster Sports Information Office is looking for at least two students (preferably, but not necessarily, freshmen) to work as statisticians during the 2002-03 academic year, starting with football season. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Experience with computers is very helpful. Looking for people who love sports. Part-time work at minimum wage - nights and weekends. Interested? Contact SID Joe Onderko at (724) 946-6357 or at onderkjm@westminster.edu.

Phonathon Team needed between Sep. 23 and Nov. 21, 6:30-9 p.m. This paid position offers a flexible schedule, but does require a minimum of two nights work. If interested, stop in OM 104 for an application.

Janet Evans, four-time Olympic swimming gold medalist, is coming to Westminster Friday, Sep. 13, at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Anyone Interested in Receiving **Titan Sports E-mail** should send their e-mail address to Joe Onderko, Westminster College SID, at onderkjm@westminster.edu.

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For Sale: Camera for Black & White Photography class; Call Craig at (412) 977-0182 or ext. 7996.

Calendar of Events

Friday 6
Volleyball @ Wooster Invitational
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:30 p.m. W Tennis @Penn State-Behrend
7:30 p.m. M Soccer @ Elizabethtown Tournament
Gateway Clipper Cruise

Saturday 7
Volleyball @ Wooster Invitational
11:00 a.m. M & W Cross Country @ Thiel Invitational
1:00 p.m. Football vs. Walsh (H)
1:00 p.m. W Tennis @ W & J
3:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Kenyon (H)
5:30 p.m. M Soccer @Elizabethtown Tournament
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Religious Life Symposium:
David Bailey Concert- Beeghly Theater
Women's Choir Retreat- Anderson Amphitheater

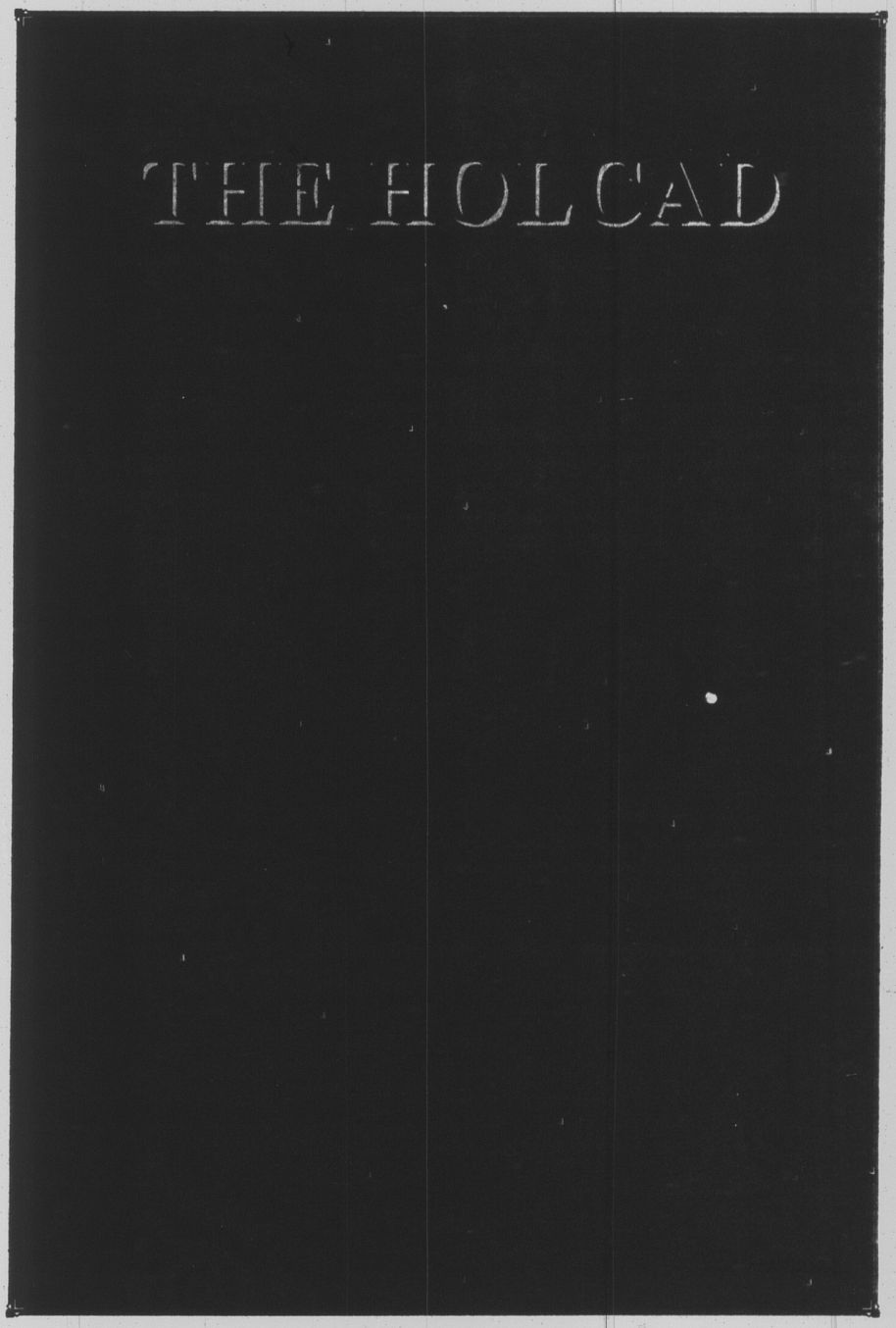
Sunday 8
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

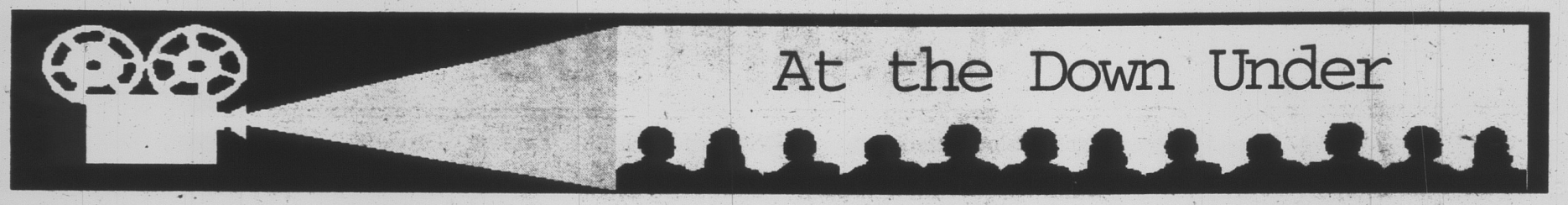
Monday 9
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – Down Under

Tuesday 10
Last Day to Add a Class (15$ fee)
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Bethany (H)
4:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Frostburg State (H)
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon Training – Thompson House
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival – Down Under
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Mount Union (H)

Wednesday 11
4:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. LaRoche (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Outdoor & Conservation Club Meeting – HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship – Down Under

Thursday 12
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting – TC 314
12:00 p.m. M Golf @ Pitt-Greensburg Invitational
7:00 p.m. Biology Sesquicentennial Seminar: Dr. Patrick McCarthy,
"The Genetics All Star Team" – Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel





Weekend Schedule

Sept 6- Friday
Gateway Clipper Cruise
Tickets required
Leaves Field House 9:00 p.m.

Sept 7- Saturday
8:30 p.m.
David M. Bailey
Singer/songwriter
Orr Auditorium (New location).

IN THE DOWN UNDER
Sept 8 - Sunday
9 p.m.
Movie
The Rookie

Look for these regular weekly event s in the Down Under:
Late Nights Monday and Thursdays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Tuesday Night at the movies beginning at 10 p.m.

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Student meets Bush at local picnic

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

President George W. Bush spent Labor Day at a picnic on Neville Island, near Pittsburgh, with members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He delivered a speech to a crowd of hundreds. Two Westminster students were in that crowd: senior Chris Argentine and junior John Libert.

"My grandfather retired from the position of president of the Pittsburgh Carpenters Union about eight years ago," Argentine said. "He still has some good connections, so my family and I got to go see the president speak."

The trip was Bush's 13th as president to Pennsylvania, which has the fifth most electoral votes. After losing Pennsylvania to Democrat Al Gore in the 2000 election, he has since visited it more than any other state in the country.

There were allegedly 400 secret servicemen at the event and about 20 of them were in uniform. Several hundred people came to the event.

"I sat in the reserved seating, but gave my seat up to Melissa Hart," Argentine said. "I moved back one row, so it wasn't so bad. I also got to meet Jim Roddey, Mayor Tom Murphy, Mike Fischer and a few others."

Before his speech, Bush put on safety glasses and helped union members who were practicing home building. After touring the facility, President Bush made his way to the stage.

"I was surprised at how informal the event was," Argentine said. "They didn't even play Hail to the Chief, and he was wearing a button-down shirt with no tie."

According to CNN, the carpenters' union broke away last year from a major Democratic Party ally, the AFL-CIO. The union, with more than 300,000 members, left because it wanted the labor federation to put more financial emphasis on organizing instead of politics.

"We may not agree on every issue but I want to make sure everyone here is clear on one thing," said Doug McCarron, president of the carpenters' union. "Our disagreements will be principled, not personal, because I am absolutely convinced of the integrity of this man."

Bush delivered his speech after McCarron, and left Neville Island shortly after finishing.

Chris Argentine with his ticket to meet President Bush on Labor Day.

photo by Josh Storey

"Bush was shaking peoples' hands as they were leaving," Argentine said. "I made my way over, towards the front of the crowd and shook his hand. I told him

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Recycling simple and worthwhile

Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

How do I recycle? Where do I put it? How do I know it's actually being recycled? These are some questions students may be asking about recycling. The first thing one should do, is find out the facts.

First, put recyclables in the right place. Most metal, glass and plastic items go in the blue bins, while newspaper and office paper go in separate white boxes. The items that go into the blue bins include all aluminum cans, pie plates, clean foil and most other clean metal containers. All lids and Styrofoam labels should be removed. Grade one and two plastic items may also be put into the blue bins.

What is not accepted? Cardboard, Styrofoam, light bulbs, window glass, plate glass, ceramics, drinking glass, batteries and syringes are all not accepted in the recycling bins. If you need to dispose of syringes you should contact the health center for a sharps box.

Another issue is the use of clear bags in the recycling bins. "The reason why they put the clear bag in there, is that they should be able to pull it out and look, and if there's trash in there they throw out the entire bag," S.A.V.E. vice president Gwen Kennedy said. "If it's in a black bag they automatically think it trash. So if a janitor does not use a clear bag, whoever picks up the garbage is not going to know, and they're not going to put it in the right bin."

Along the same lines, if trash is thrown into the recycling bins (that includes putting recycling bags in the bins), it is considered trash, and the whole bag is discarded. While all this may seem like a lot to think about, it is worthwhile. Recycling properly not only helps the environment, it actually saves the school money. "We pay about half as much to have the recyclables pulled off here than the regular trash," custodial supervisor Ron

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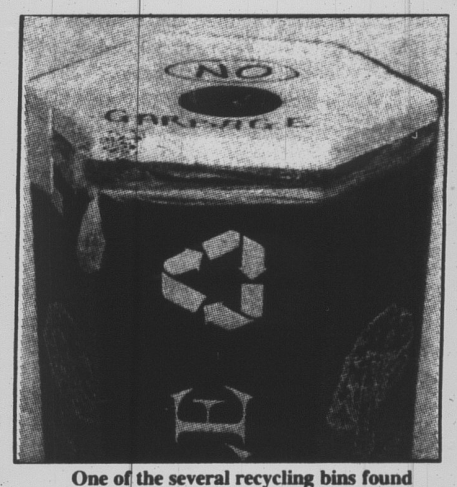

One of the several recycling bins found throughout the campus.

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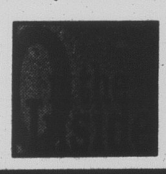

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students Enjoy Gateway Clipper Cruise Formal

by Craig Carlin
Staff Writer

On Sep. 6, students set sail on the three rivers of Pittsburgh for the second annual all-campus formal on the Gateway Clipper.

The Campus Programming Committee (CPC) organized the event for the first time last year, and because of its success, decided to do it again.

"My brother's college did it and it always went over real well there, so I thought I would try it at Westminster," CPC Chair Abby Wessel said.

Buses left campus at 9:30 p.m. after approximately 250 students met outside the field house. The trip to Pittsburgh took about an hour-and-a-half, and the boat sailed from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m.

"The evening started off running a bit late, but the boat couldn't leave without us, so I wasn't too worried," Wessel said. "The evening as a whole went as planned and it was fabulous."

Other students seemed to enjoy the night as well. "It was fun. It was nice to get off campus and dance," sophomore Amy DalBon said.

"I had a good time," sophomore Melissa Graham said. "It reminded me of my senior prom except different faces."

According to Wessel, more students last year than this year attended the Formal. "I was a bit disappointed, but I feel that the timing could have been better," she said. "It was still a great turnout for W.C. I'm glad that many people came."

Students aboard the Gateway Clipper received free cookies and punch. Soft drinks and other snacks were also available, as was a cash bar for students over 21.

The dance floor was packed all night as the DJ mixed current hits with long-time dance favorites. He played only a few slow songs.

"The DJ didn't play enough slow songs for me to get my groove on with the ladies," sophomore Shaun Babka said.

Some students split their time between the dance floor and the upper deck of the boat.

"Pittsburgh is such a pretty city, so the view from the boat was fantastic," Graham said.

CPC plans many activities, including comedians, concerts, JT's Café and Late Nights Down Under.

"The activities we plan are for the students, and the 250 that went to the Clipper enjoyed it, so that makes it worth the time, money and effort that went into the activity," Wessel said.

CPC has discussed a spring formal, but no plans have yet been made.

"If there is another all-campus formal, it will not be to this scale due to the expense involved," Wessel said.

If students would like to get involved with CPC, inquire about upcoming events or express their opinions on the idea of a spring formal, call CPC Chair Abby Wessel at ext. 7798 or Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Camille Hawthorne at ext. 7112.

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Pennington said.

Finally, have respect for the world and the campus. "It's our responsibility both as members of this campus, and as citizens of the world, to help the recycling program as much as possible," said Green Party organizational chair Jeremy Baker.

The campus has also had some problems with people bringing their recyclables in from off campus. The physical plant would like to encourage people that live off campus to use the borough's recycling program. The program is included as a free service along with weekly curbside pickup.

For those who have a dumpster and do not participate in the borough's free curbside pickup service, Wilmington Township now has a depot bin where one may take their recyclables at any time. To get to the depot site, take Market Street/PA 158 North to Auction Road and make a left. The depot site is on Auction Road.

If you have any questions or notice black bags in a recycling bin, please contact the physical plant at x7017 or Kennedy at x7990.

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to keep up the good work, and he told me he would. I didn't wash my hands until after dinner; I didn't have to worry about washing them after shaking hands with the president," he joked.

John Libert was not so lucky.

"I had a press pass and sat/stood/took many pictures with the media directly in front of the president," Libert said. "My dad actually met the president a couple times, but that's as close as I got."

Unions and their members doled out $90 million in the 2000 election cycle, of which 94 percent went to Democrats, according to CNN. Unions made up 11 of the 20 largest political action committee contributors to federal candidates that year.

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OSU helps protect against biological warfare

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Ohio State University researchers are helping the Defense Department look for ways to better protect the public against biological warfare.

The department's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency has granted Ohio State $3.7 million to build a better immune system in a laboratory.

University researchers will use the money to build components of a three-dimensional human immune system, then use the system to watch how chemical and biological agents attack the body.

"What I'm told is that the vaccine-development cycle takes about 15 years," said Dr. Larry Lasky, an Ohio State pathologist. "They think they can cut that time down to maybe five years if the vaccines can be tested in this artificial immune system."

"You could take an unknown chemical- or biological-warfare agent and put it in and see what the effect is and see what's necessary to treat it."

Aside from chemical- and biological-warfare applications, the model immune system could help scientists and doctors understand more about a variety of diseases and then develop treatments.

Aastrom Biosciences Inc., an Ann Arbor, Mich., company, already has developed a two-dimensional version of the system, which allows for cell replication within a closed system that mimics the body.

The existing system resembles a vertical filing cabinet from the outside. On the inside is a replication of human cell growth, with components that help it mimic the human body.

The company's main focus has been production of stem cells to treat a variety of diseases.

A three-dimensional system will allow for growth of a greater number and variety of cells, said Dr. Steven Wolff, Aastrom's vice president of medical research.

It also could eliminate the need for animal testing in some cases, Lasky said.

Lasky's grant, which is among several awarded nationally, will focus on creating a laboratory model that can consistently produce human immune cells in large quantity. In addition to producing cells, the scientists will work to develop a system in which cells consistently die, as they do in the human body.

That will allow researchers to effectively study how infectious agents and drugs affect the body.

This project will last a year and a half. Aastrom, Florida State University and Tulane University are partners with Ohio State on the project.

High school upholds senior citizens' right to play bingo

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) - High school students in Lancaster County have found a way to circumvent a state law barring seniors from playing bingo at a local Wal-Mart - one of many across the state where the game was halted last month.

Bingo players had been gathering at the Ephrata Wal-Mart every week to play bingo and socialize, until the retailer found out in August that it was in violation of a state bingo law and canceled the free, weekly games at its Pennsylvania stores.

But Lancaster Catholic High School's nonprofit status and having student volunteers sponsor the games will allow the store to resume the weekly event on Tuesday, officials said.

Wal-Mart does not qualify for a bingo license in Pennsylvania because it is not a nonprofit community organization, said Lebanon County Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Gettle.

The 1981 bingo law, designed to keep organized crime from making money on the game, grants licenses to fire companies, ambulance associations and other nonprofits. The retailer could have faced fines if it continued the practice.

Ephrata Wal-Mart store manager Gordon Brandt said bingo regulars, who won prizes such as free toilet paper, were upset when they found out the games were canceled.

"Tuesday, a woman with a walker was driven 40 miles down to the games because she hadn't heard. I was just heartsick," Brandt said.

Lancaster Catholic Principal Dermot Garrett said about 50 students in his school's Christian Service curriculum spend either the first two or last two periods of the school day in community service. They will attend the bingo games each week.

"Students live in a very confusing world that's lurid with high glamour," Garrett said. "With senior citizens, they (students) get a more balanced perspective, a perspective of stability that our modern world lacks. They always come away feeling much better."

Wal-Mart's bingo problems began in Palmyra, Gettle said, when an organization that was denied a bingo license notified the county about Wal-Mart's practice throughout the state.

Library plays classical music to prevent teen loitering

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) - Forget rock 'n' roll. Classical music is here so they won't stay.

Officials at Euclid Public Library hope to chase away loitering teenagers by playing classical music through speakers outside the library's front door and inside the lobby.

Librarians hope that aversion to symphonic sounds will disperse the teens, whose loitering after school and at night intimidates some older patrons.

The music is transmitted to the library through a syndicated service. The $59 monthly fee is cheaper than paying an extra security guard, Executive Director Donna Perdzock said.

"It kind of sets the mood for the type of facility we are when you walk in the door," she said. "We are not a mall and we are not a fast-food place."

The library, next door to Euclid High School in this Cleveland suburb, has taken other steps, including printing a code of conduct in its latest newsletter and moving a popular lobby pay phone outside and away from the entrance. Perdzock said library workers also tell teens to move along.

Representatives of the Cuyahoga County and Cleveland library systems said none of their branches has used music in the same fashion.

But it's far from a new idea.

Earlier this year, officials in Santa Cruz, Calif., blasted classical compositions at downtown panhandlers.

Eleven years ago, Yours Truly restaurant in Chagrin Falls directed Beethoven at kids clogging the door. The restaurant had to install new speakers after someone stole the first set from the roof.

The Euclid library's musical overture is getting its first serious test with the start of school.

It seemed to fall on deaf ears Friday afternoon as perhaps a dozen students laughed and talked outside the front door.

Sophomore Isom Weems said the ploy was doomed to fail. "Number one, you can't hear it," he said. "Number two, nobody really cares."

Dorie Shimelonis, 50, a fan of classical music, was pleased to hear strains that she expects will be wasted on the young.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "It's a shame kids won't sit out here, listen to it and learn."

—Regional Briefs

Mr. Rogers speaks against terrorism in neighboorhood

PITTSBURGH (AP) - It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood and Fred Rogers has come out of retirement to tell you so, even after Sept. 11.

Rogers, who greeted the world as Mister Rogers for 34 years, recorded four public service announcements for the Public Broadcasting Service addressing the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

A longer, two-minute message can be seen at www.misterrogers.org or www.pbs.org.

"Young children are likely to be confused," Rogers said in an announcement directed at parents. "They don't understand what an anniversary is, and if they see the tragedy replayed on television, they might think it's happening at that moment."

Rogers recorded shows in 1968, his first year on the air, after the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy.

He did another show talking about the assassination attempts on President Reagan, Pope John Paul II and the killing of former Beatle John Lennon.

"Fred is now speaking to a third generation," said David Newell, known as Mr. McFeely on the show. "He's got a knack of talking right to the person at home through the television monitor."

PBS TV stations and affiliate radio stations will air the announcements through Sept. 11 and perhaps for some time after, Newell said.

Man kills medical consultant

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) - Jury selection in the murder trial of a man accused of robbing, abducting and killing a medical consultant has gone slower than planned and will continue Monday, when court officials had hoped opening arguments would begin.

Gregory Modery, 31, of McMurray, could face the death penalty if he's convicted for his alleged role in the death of Ira Swearingen nearly three years ago.

Ten jurors have been chosen so far, and Washington County Judge Katherine Emery wants a panel of 12, plus two alternates.

Swearingen, a medical consultant from Stout, Ohio, was robbed and abducted outside an adult book store along Interstate 70 in December 1999. Swearingen was traveling from his home to Uniontown to assist in a surgery when he disappeared.

Prosecutors say Modery and another man, Alexander Martos, 34, of Fallowfield Township, killed Swearingen and dumped his body in some woods, which was found eleven months later by hunters.

Martos has already pleaded guilty and is awaiting a mandatory life sentence.

Convenience store robbed, clerk murdered

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) - A judge sentenced a 25-year-old Bethlehem man to life in prison Friday for killing a convenience store clerk in December.

Judge William H. Platt sentenced Julio Ortiz to a life term for first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Blanche Swoyer on Dec. 2. Ortiz was also sentenced to 27 to 60 years for robbery and conspiracy.

A jury convicted Ortiz last month for the killing in a Hess Express store in North Whitehall Township on Route 309 where Swoyer, 38, was an assistant manager.

Rosa Mata drove her half-brother to the store, hid the gun used in the robbery attempt, and later testified against Ortiz. She was recently sentenced to four to 10 years in prison.

When Martin asked Ortiz if he committed the crime, Ortiz declined to answer.

He apologized for the pain of his own parents and Swoyer's family, who read statements to the judge during the hearing.

NATIONAL

Iowa State students criticize Colin Powell at World Summit

By Natalie Spray

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State University students and faculty said activists had good reason to "heckle and boo" U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell while he was in Africa.

"There are good reasons to criticize the American policy" on environmental issues, said Chris Ball, political science lecturer. "[Booing] is a way of getting the American public to look at the issues and maybe take some action."

Powell addressed the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Wednesday. "The U.S. is taking action to meet environmental challenges, including global climate change," Powell said at the World Summit.

The summit's chairwoman was forced to intervene several times throughout Powell's speech and demanded order from the hecklers who were yelling, "Shame on Bush."

Last year the United States refused to sign the Kyoto Protocol treaty, which regulates emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. Other nations have accused the Bush administration of delaying environmental progress and blocking the goals of the Earth Summit.

"The stewardship of the environment rests on individuals and the government, but there are only so many things the individual can do," said Robert Deitz, president of the Student Environmental Council. "Beyond that, the government should lead and direct [the country] in an appropriate manner. Thus far we haven't seen this in the Bush administration."

The United States is the only major party not signing the treaty. Russia, Canada and Australia are looking into ratifying the protocol, said Clare Hinrichs, professor of environmental sociology. "[The United States is] powerful, but we are not in step with the rest of the world," she said.

Deitz said summit speakers were encouraging the signing of the treaty. "The Kyoto treaty isn't flawless, but we should consider ourselves obligated to sign on so we can get started on improving [the environment]," he said.

Michael Dale, chairman for the ISU Republicans, disagreed. "We have to take the right steps in the right order," he said. "I think the Bush administration is doing the right thing by waiting it out for right now." Dale, sophomore in liberal arts and sciences, said the economy is likely contributing to the decision. "I don't think Bush is putting down the idea of helping the environment," he said. "When the economy is treading on the line between good and bad, this could hurt the economy."

But Ball said the economy is not an excuse. "The Bush administration is concerned that international commitments will have [a negative] economic effect, but there wasn't anything binding on the agenda at this meeting," he said.

Throughout the course of the summit, "the U.S. was definitely viewed in a negative manner," Deitz said. "I know Germany hasn't been pleased with our refusal to sign the treaty nor with our general stance on environmental issues."

Some Americans thought the United States made a poor showing as well. "Expectations for U.S. were low," Ball said. "We came out OK. Policy appeared better than the worst-case expectations, but that's not saying much."

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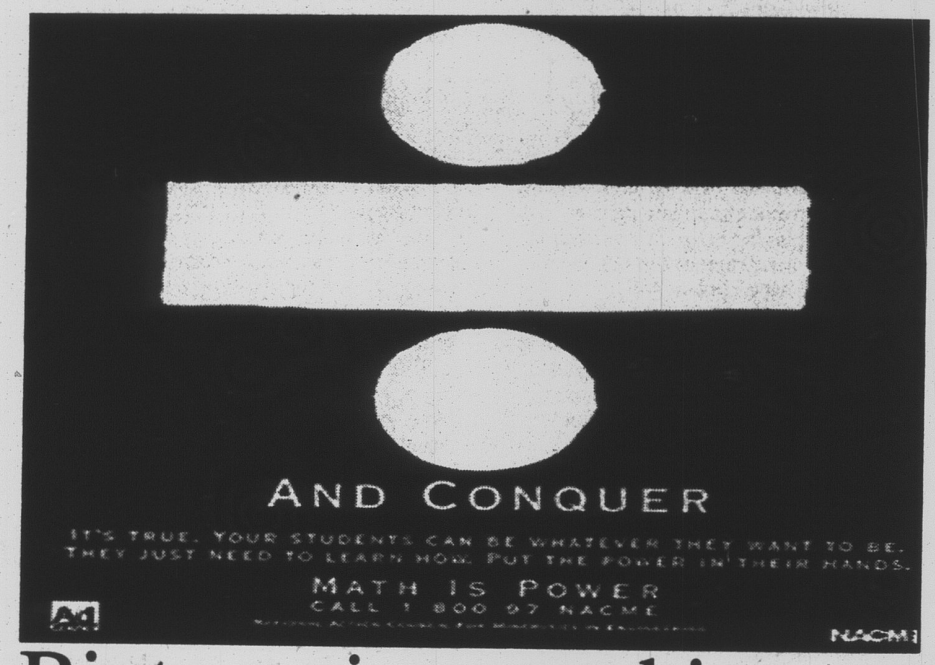

Bioterrorism catching on in university classrooms

MADISON, Wis. — Students love it. According to President Bush, the "axis of evil" craves it. It's bioterrorism, and it's coming to a classroom near you. Classes dealing with bioterrorism and Islam are among the hottest classes at college campuses across the country.

"This semester has definitely been more popular than last," said Charles Hirschkind, a professor of anthropology and an expert in Islam at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In response to a growing demand by college students across the country for more Islam and bioterrorism in the classroom, universities are creating new courses and reopening old ones.

"It's a very timely topic," said Nancy Berner, chair of the biology department at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. "It shows another way of looking at biological ideas — another way to get information across in a way that students will apply it to what's going on in the world today."

William Weidanz, a professor of medical microbiology and immunology at UW and a professor of emerging infectious diseases and bioterrorism said the case is the same for his class. "It's very popular," Weidanz said. "We capped it at 50 students. It's the first time we taught it as a combined course and we thought that would be a big enough class to handle. What has happened is that people are calling in seeing if they can get into the class."

While the number of students rushing to bioterrorism courses may parallel the explosive growth of bacteria in a petri dish, students are also flocking to classes having anything to do with Islam.

Joseph Elder, a professor of sociology at Madison, said after 9/11 there was a rush to bring in new faculty with knowledge in Islam. "There was a considerable stir to get people here," Elder said. "There are probably four or five new faculty that have been recruited here from last year."

The University of the South and UW are not the only universities to jump on the bioterrorism bandwagon. George Washington University has created a course titled "Coping with Bioterrorism." The course is meant to be an "introduction to the measures needed to protect against the intentional use of biological threats" Arizona State University has added a barrage of classes dealing with Islamand politics in the post 9/11 world. New classes at ASU include "War, Liberty and Law in the U.S.," "War and American Society," "Islam in Africa," and "World Politics after 9/11."

UW's course, "Islam: Religion and Culture," had no open seats when classes started this semester.

INTERNATIONAL

Police raid terrorist hideout on 9/11

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Heavily armed police wearing body armor stormed a suspected al-Qaida hide-out Wednesday, killing two gunmen and capturing at least five others in a three-hour shooting battle, police said.

Five officers _ three policemen and two intelligence agents _ were wounded, two of them critically, police said. The federal Interior Ministry in Islamabad said all the gunmen were foreigners but did not say from what country. A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the gunmen were Arabs and Afghans.

Many al-Qaida fugitives are believed to have taken refuge in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, after the collapse of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. The city has been a hotbed of sectarian violence and militant groups targeting foreigners.

A police official said a laptop and ``literature'' were found in the apartment and that the gunmen were suspected to be linked to al-Qaida. Police initially said a child was killed in Wednesday cross fire but later issued a statement saying ``that appeared to be incorrect.''

The intelligence officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police raided the apartment, located in a five-story building in an upscale neighborhood, after receiving a tip that ``suspicious people were living there.''

Police chief Kamal Shah said two of the gunmen were arrested inside the apartment. Others fled to the roof, where they battled police for three hours before they were killed or captured.

The gunmen were armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles, submachine guns and grenades _ a heavier arsenal than is usually carried by ordinary Karachi criminals.

But Shah refused to say anything about their identity. ``I'm not saying that they were ordinary criminals, but I have to take stock of the situation,'' he told reporters shortly after the siege ended.

The intelligence official at the scene said one of the gunmen scrawled ``There is no God but Allah'' in Arabic in his own blood on the tiles of the kitchen wall.

While the shooting was still under way, police brought one woman and her young child, both in tears, to safety. ``I don't know how many more are inside,'' she told an Associated Press reporter as she was quickly led away.

As the gunmen held out on the roof, police commandos in body armor and helmets entered the building and slowly worked their way to the upper floors.

Police, firing on the gunmen from the roofs of neighboring buildings, called on them to surrender. The gunmen responded with chants of ``Allahu Akbar,'' or God is Great.

Within minutes, a burly, curly haired man was brought out with his entire face covered by a blindfold. Hundreds of policemen fired off volleys of gunfire to celebrate his capture. The final gunman was captured shortly afterward.

Shops in the area slammed down their shutters, and residents locked their doors and windows. Streets all around the neighborhood were deserted.

Pakistan police have been on alert for terrorist activity for the Sept. 11 anniversary, but a criminal motive also could be behind the incident.

Karachi has become a frequent site of militant activity. Last weekend, Yosri Fouda, a correspondent for the satellite station Al-Jazeera said he interviewed two plotters of the Sept. 11 attacks _ Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Ramzi Binalshibh _ at a secret location in Karachi in June.

In January, Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl was kidnapped here. His body was found in May.

Four Islamic militants were convicted in July, and one of them, British-born Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, was sentenced the death. The others received life sentences.

A car bomb in May killed 11 French engineers and three other people, including the suicide attacker.

Twelve Pakistanis were killed in June when a car bomb exploded outside the U.S. Consulate here.

Greek assassin found hiding in the nude

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Greece's most wanted terrorist suspect spent more than a month hiding on a nudist beach near Athens before surrendering to police, authorities said Saturday.

Police said they found a tent and belongings used by 44-year-old Dimitris Koufodinas, the alleged chief assassin of the November 17 terrorist group.

Koufodinas, who has been charged with 17 murders, gave himself up Thursday after taking a taxi to police headquarters in central Athens.

Police said he had been hiding for at least a month on a small beach on Angistri, a small island popular with British tourists, about 31 miles, southeast of Athens. The beach is used by campers and nudists, local residents said.

November 17 has been blamed for a total of 23 killings and dozens of bomb attacks since it first appeared with the 1975 assassination of the CIA station chief in Athens. Sixteen suspected members have been arrested since a bungled bomb attack near Athens on June 29.

The largest manhunt in Greek history had been mounted to catch Koufodinas. The government said he eventually surrendered to protect those sheltering him.

Baggage handlers caught stealing diamonds

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Five airport employees suspected of stealing diamond shipments worth 1.5 million euro (dlrs 1.47 million) were arrested after a six-month investigation police said Saturday.

In a statement police said they carried out raids over the past week at houses of the five suspects- who worked as baggage handlers at Brussels International airport.

Police said they found the diamonds and 60,000 euro (dlrs 58,830) in cash.

Over a period from March to April, police said the five took the diamonds from the postal bags, which contained the gems, before they were placed on the plane on the tarmac. The shipments were originally destined for Zurich, Geneva, Madrid and Stockholm.

Police believe the diamonds were taken from a total of 20 flights. Three of the five suspects had access and security clearance to work on the tarmac, handling cargo shipments.

The five were taken into custody late Friday police said.

Saturday's announcement comes after a recent crackdown on airport security by the Belgian government after a series of armed robberies on commercial aircraft over the past six years.

As a result of the security lapses, twelve European airlines halted all transport of valuable goods- including diamonds- to and from Brussels in July 2001.

Transport officials said they were trying to do their best to protect the cargo area which receives most shipments of rough diamonds bound for the port city of Antwerp, which handles 80 percent of world trade in rough diamonds and controls 50 percent of trade in the cut gems.

Police in June said they were investigating the possibility that an unsolved 2000 robbery from a plane carrying 192 million euros (dlrs 188 million) in diamonds and other goods was linked al-Qaida efforts to raise money for terrorist operations.

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International Briefs

Japanese bathers catch car jacking cop

TOKYO (AP) - Alert Japanese bathers helped catch a senior police officer who appeared to be breaking into a car, police said Saturday.

Assistant inspector Hiroshi Takakura, 45, was arrested for allegedly trying to steal valuables from a car in a Toyama city parking lot on Friday. Bathers at a nearby public bath house reported his suspicious activities, police spokesman Yasuo Muramoto said.

Thanks to the bathers - who took note of Takakura's license plate as he fled the scene - police were able to track him down. He has since admitted to the allegations, the official said.

Nothing was stolen from the car Friday, but police are investigating a car theft that occurred earlier in the day at the same parking lot to see if there is a connection, Muramoto said.

Toyama lies 255 kilometers (160 miles) west of Tokyo in central Japan.

Romanian sailors return home after two years

OTOPENI, Romania (AP) - Weary, teary and at a near loss for words, eight Romanian sailors arrived home Saturday after being stranded in a Caribbean port for nearly two years because their shipping company had not paid its docking fees.

"I am exhausted and sick," said Capt. Gabriel Molnar, 49, the ship commander who was stuck in the Dominican Republic since September 2000. The ship, the Star, was not allowed to leave because the state-owned company controlling it, Romline, was unable to pay fees amounting to almost dlrs 500,000.

Some of the others were stranded since March 2001.

"How did we survive? We helped each other," he said, as his wife guided him to a waiting car after a brief but intense embrace.

The connecting flight from Madrid was 25 minutes late, raising emotions even higher among the waiting wives. The trans-Atlantic flight took eight hours longer than expected due to an Air France strike.

Baseball may strike out in the Olympics

MONTREUX, Switzerland (AP) - The head of the U.S. Olympic movement and leaders from the baseball world vowed Saturday to fight against plans by the International Olympic Committee to drop the sport from the summer games.

Delegates at an emergency meeting of the International Baseball Federation declared "their total commitment to work together and do all that is necessary to avoid the exclusion of baseball from the Olympic Games program."

The IOC is due to take a decision late November, with any change to take effect at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

"USOC will defend, with all possible means, the continuation in the Olympics of the number one sport in the USA, Baseball," said USOC President Marty Mankamyer in a statement issued after the two-day meeting in this lakeside town.

At a meeting late last month, the IOC executive board took note of an internal report which proposed dropping baseball, softball and modern pentathlon as part of the biggest ever shake-up of the sports program of the summer games.

The report cited the absence of the top players and said baseball's popularity was restricted to certain continents.

SPORTS

Titans drop opener 4 out of the past 5 seasons

Junior RB Derek Besgrove rushed 31 times for 192 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Walsh University Cavaliers (1-0) to a 28-26 non-conference win over the Westminster College Titans (0-1) in New Wilmington. It was the season opener for both teams. Westminster has now dropped four of its last five season openers.

The Cavaliers broke the scoring ice less than five minutes into the game, marching 49 yards on four plays culminating with a six-yard scoring run by Besgrove for a 7-0 advantage. Westminster answered with 4:16 to go in the period, as junior wide receiver Brian Ekis caught a pass on the right sideline from junior QB Kevin Huber, made a tackle miss, and ran 45 yards for the tying score. The score remained tied until 11:20 left in the first half, when a 33-yard field goal by sophomore Titan kicker Josh Simpson gave Westminster a 10-7 lead entering intermission.

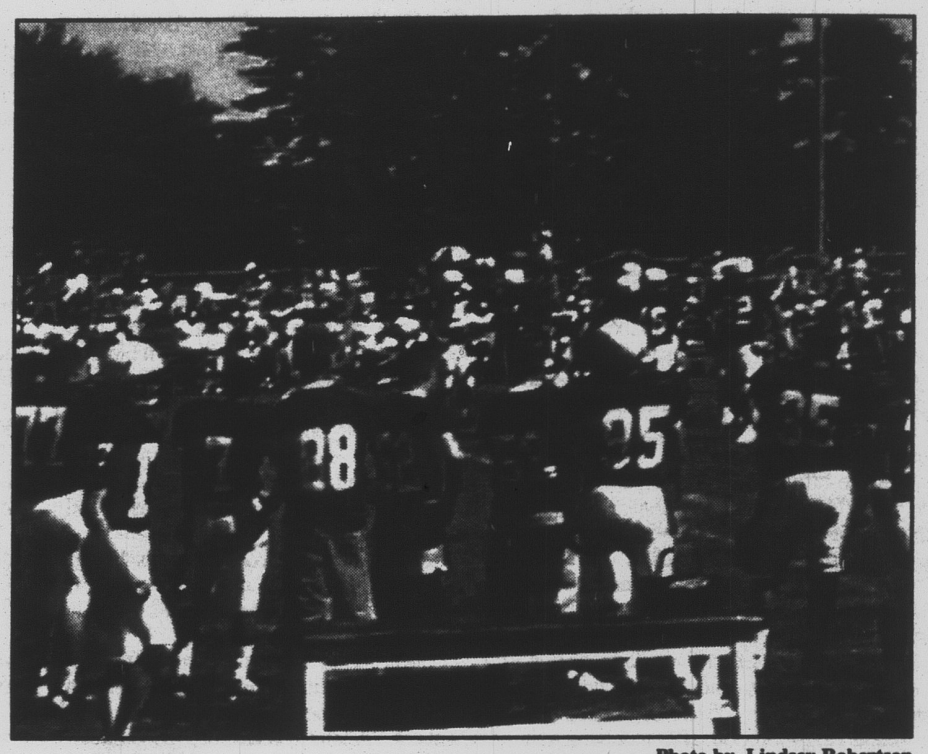
The third quarter was a see-saw affair, with both teams exchanging the lead. Walsh pounded out an 11-play, 86-yard drive culminating with a 13-yard TD run by Besgrove with 7:34 to play in the period, giving the Cavaliers the lead back at 14-10. However, a Titan interception by sophomore linebacker Jerry Bonenberger late in the period set up a 30-yard scoring pass from junior QB Matt Robison to sophomore wideout Ben Haug, which gave Westminster a 17-14 lead after three periods.

Wals took the lead for good with 12:42 to play, as a Cavalier interception set up the Walsh offense in Titan territory. Five plays and 41 yards later, Besgrove dove in from a yard out for a 21-17 Walsh lead. The junior tailback capped his day with 5:40 to play, rumbling 73 yards down the left sideline to give the Cavaliers a 28-17 lead. After making an interception deep in their own territory late in the game, the Cavaliers elected to take a safety with 2:09 to play, cuting the lead to 28-19. However, Westmisnter sophomore Justin Martinchek returned the ensuing kick 44 yards, then four plays later Huber snuck in from a yard out to cut the lead to 28-26 with 1:01 to play. The titans then attempted an onside kick, which was recovered by Walsh.

Titan sophomore TB Scott Froelich poasted his fourth 100-yard rushing effort of his collegiate career, posting 32 carries for 137 yards (4.3 avg.) on the day. Huber and Robison split time at quarterback, with Huber completing 11-of15 passes for 137 yards with one TD and one interception and Robison completing 8-of-13 passes for 82 yards with one score and a pair of interceptions. Junior WR Steve Scott led teh receiving corps with five catches for 51 yards.

Defensively, sophomore safety Clint DeLuca led the way with seven tackles (six solo) and three passes defensed. Senior linebacker Joe Bianco posted a fumble recovery, while sophomore safety Kevin Kresinski posted a blocked field goal.

The Titans are off this Saturday, then return to action on September 21 with a non-conference game at NCAA Division II Mansfield University (0-1) in Mansfield, Pa., at 1 p.m.



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Recent Results

Wednesday, 9/11/02
MSOC-Westminster 3, La Roche 0

Tuesday, 9/10/02
WT-Westminster 6, Bethany 3*
WSOC-Westminster 3, Frostburg St. 2
VB-Westminster 3, Mount Union 2

Saturday, 9/7/02
MXC-Thiel Invitational - 2nd of 9
WXC-Thiel Invitational - 3rd of 9
VB-Westminster 3, Bluffton 0
VB-Westminster 3, Wooster 0
VB-Capital 3, Westminster 1
WT-Westminster 6, Wash. & Jeff. 3*
FB-Walsh 28, Westminster 26
WSOC-Kenyon 4, Westminster 2
MSOC-Roanoke 4, Westminster 0

Friday, 9/6/02
WT-Westminster 7,
Penn St.-Behrend 2
VB-Westminster 3, Marietta 0
VB-Capital 3, Westminster 1
MSOC-Westminster 0,
Elizabethtown 0
(WC advances 4-3 on penalty kicks)

Upcoming Events

Friday, 9/13/02
VB at John Carroll Invitational - 2 p.m.
WT VS. CASE W.R. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9/14/02
XC at Penn St.-Behrend Invitational
VB at John Carroll Invitational - 9 a.m.
WSOC VS. MUSKINGUM - 1 p.m.

Sunday, 9/15/02
WT at Mount Union - 2 p.m.
MSOC at Pitt-Greensburg - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, 9/17/02
WT at Thiel* - 3 p.m.
MSOC at Wash. & Jeff.* - 7 p.m.
VB VS. WAYNESBURG* - 7:15 p.m.

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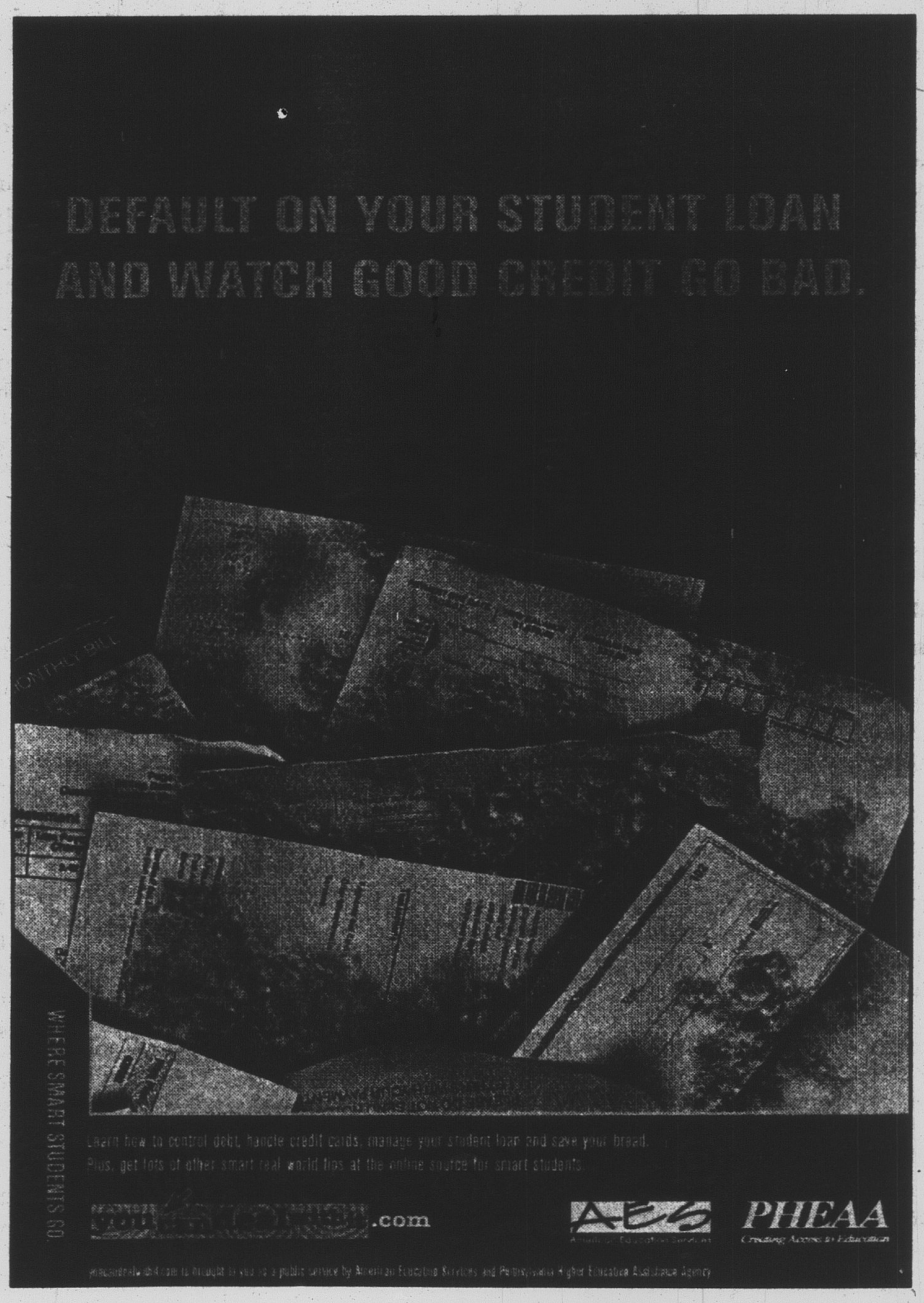

FEATURE

Westminster Weekends: Alcohol or Boredom?

Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

It's a Friday night, you survived a week of agonizing classes and the person you can't stand from down the hall is standing in your doorway blabbing. You need something to take your stress away. The Westminster solution: DRINK.

Ever since I came to Westminster, my weekend has consisted of Thursday night beer pong, Friday night drunkenness followed by Saturday night obliteration. I can't explain what it is. There is just something about Westminster life that screams, "Lets get drunk!"

Why do so many students feel compelled to drink? Is it the stereotypes we hear growing up about college parties? Are we testing our freedom? Do we do it to fit in, make friends and find hook-ups? Is it rebellion towards the stricter guidelines in residence halls? Or are we all just bored in small town New Wilmington?

I had a lot of older friends who went to college before I did, and each of them had experiences with alcohol. Maybe I had unknowingly programmed myself to think that was what college was about. It excited me. I thought, " Wow, I can't wait for college. No parents to tell me what to do, no curfew. Time to get drunk and go crazy." College is freedom; it enables rebellion.

Alcohol has been my social tool at Westminster. I never really felt like I fit in here. At fraternity parties, I used alcohol to loosen myself up. I wanted friends, people to party with and I thought maybe, just maybe I was more approachable with a beer in my hand. By the end of freshman year, I was drinking a 30 pack per weekend. I needed alcohol. What else could I do on weekends?

I never really followed college policies when it came to alcohol (Pretty funny considering I'm an RA this year). The trouble that my friends and I went through to find someone to buy our beer... it makes me laugh now. I don't know how I was never busted.

Drunken nights at Westminster have given me a lot of memories. I can't say they're all good but, I've had fun. The problems began when I started defining myself by my alcohol consumption. It was me, a part of my life that had a strong contribution to who I was. Scary? Not at that time. All I thought about was the next chance to get drunk and deal with a hangover.

I drank because there was nothing else to do. All my friends were doing it. Was I supposed sit at home and be bored? I never had access to a car, so I couldn't get away. My solution to boredom? Drinking.

I understand that this article does not pertain to everyone on campus, and to you, I apologize. I give you props for staying true to yourself. I now know that people can have fun without alcohol. I honestly don't fit into the drunken category anymore. I turned the ever-awaited 21, went out of control and finally decided I should stop drinking if I ever wanted to accomplish anything.

I hold no judgment to the Westminster party scene. I was there, lived my part of it and now I just need to grasp my future. I will say this to those of you who wake up hung over at least 4 mornings out of the week: Be careful. Alcohol takes a lot more control than we allow ourselves to believe. Only you can tell yourself you have a problem, and your decision at that point is your call. I wish you all luck in staying safe, making the right decisions and knowing when you've gone too far.

Greetings from Japan: A girl overseas tells her tale

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Staff Writer

Greetings from Japan! It's a wonderful land where the cars are smaller, the insects are bigger and streets are the size of driveways. I am attending Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata. So far I've been to downtown Hirakata four times and Kyoto once. I hope to visit Osaka and maybe Tokyo before I leave. Tokyo doesn't seem to be very likely, however, since a one-way bus ticket costs the equivalent of $60.

Transportation here is much more expensive than one would think. I therefore walk very often, more often than I ever walked when I lived on the fourth floor of Hillside. The walk from my dorm to school is roughly half an hour, but a lot of the students here invest in bicycles. Those, however, are also expensive, with a typical cost of about ?10,000 ($80). While I live only five minutes from the Hirakata bus station, and Kansai Gaidai is the first stop on the route, and it would cost me ?220 (roughly $2) to take the bus to campus. I'd rather walk the thirty minutes and buy a box of Pocky and a Coca-Cola later on.

The people who have the privilege of driving their own cars are insane. The cars are shorter, thinner and much more compact, but are still dangerous. Every morning I walk to school, I risk getting hit by about fifty drivers who never slow down for anyone crossing the street. It makes traveling rather perilous, especially when it's time to go buy groceries. It's even worse if I decide to visit the arcade down in Hirakata, which is a thirty-minute walk from campus.

Hirakata is the city nearest to Kansai Gaidai. It has lots of small restaurants, Pachinko parlors, small markets, department stores, bikes and plenty of space for bike parking. Crossing the street isn't as bad because there are bigger streets and more crosswalks with signals. Instead of the "Walk" and "Don't Walk" signs that are found in America, Japan has signs of a green man walking and a red man walking. There are also subtle differences in exit signs. Americans have grown to associate the red glow of the sign at the end of the hall as an exit sign. In the buildings here, it's a wide green sign with a picture of a man walking through a door. Either way, it gets the point across.

Ah well. Exit signs and crossing signals aside, it's still taking a while to get completely used to this country, never mind the fact they drive on the left side of the road. Since walking is cheaper than biking or taking the bus, perhaps I'll be lucky enough to lose a few pounds during my treks across the city. That is, if I can keep away from the Pocky long enough.

Calendar of Events

Friday 13
11:40 a.m. Chapel
2:00 p.m. Volleyball @ John Carroll Invitational
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Case Western Reserve (H)
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting - TC 315
8:00 p.m. Student Athletic Advisory Council Presents: Janet Evans, Olympic Gold Medalist in Swimming - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. JT's Café

Saturday 14
SAA Retreat
9:00 a.m. Volleyball @ John Carroll Invitational
9:00 a.m. Newman Club Day Retreat - Location TBA
11:15 a.m. M&W Cross Country @ Penn-State Behrend Invitational
1:00 p.m. W Soccer vs. Muskingum
2:00 p.m. M Soccer @ Pitt
7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday 15
Kappa Delta National Women's Friendship Day
2:00 p.m. W Tennis @ Mount Union
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - PH 114
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

Monday 16
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel Greek Organizations' Meetings
6:30 p.m. Westminster Fund Phonathon Begins for the Nine-week period
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

Tuesday 17
Last Day to Drop a Class ($15 fee)
3:00 p.m. W Tennis @ Thiel
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting - HSC 150
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Recruitment Party- Down Under
7:00 p.m. M Soccer @ W&J
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Waynesburg

Wednesday 18
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Amy Camardese, "Teaching Students With Disabilities: What are Reasonable Accommodations?" - PH 311
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group -TC 315 Phillip Pullman: Golden Compass
5:00 p.m. CDC Meeting - PH 131
6:30 p.m. Guest Lecturer: Katherine Mickle, Photographer - PH 311
6:30 p.m. J. Calvin Rose Memorial Lecturer: James D. Lueers, "Music and Worship in Today's Church" - Chapel
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Recruitment Party - Ferguson
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

Thursday 19
4:00 p.m. Math & Computer Science Colloquium - HSC 152
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting - PH 231
6:30 p.m. Volleyball@ Bethany
7:00 p.m. Bleasby Colloquium: Dr. Jim Perkins - HSC 166
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party - Chapter Suite
9:00 p.m. Stargazing (weather permitting) - Hoyt Science Center

Classifieds

Registration for Swimming Lessons is scheduled Sunday, Sep. 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Field House Lobby. Cost is $45 or $50 after Sep. 29. For more information, contact Robert Klamut, head swimming coach, at (724) 946-7315.

NOTE: Glorious, Grand...Tried and True, a cookbook featuring over 550 recipes from the Westminster community, is available for $10 at the Westminster College Bookstore. To order the cookbook or other sesquicentennial merchandise online visit, www.westminster.edu/150.

All students interested in joining the Westminster Ice Hockey Club team for the 2002-2003 school year please contact Michael Newland at ext. 7462 or email Mike at newlan-md@westminster.edu.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why don't they expand the parking in Eich or limit the number of tags?

I can't wait until I drive the happy bus!

Everyone looked so pretty gettin ready for the Gateway Clipper formal!

My roommate's farts smell like death!

I am in love with a squirrel named Pete.

What happened at the cross-country meet--don't rules mean anything?

I enjoy the smell of dirt in our water.

What's the point of all the sidewalks? Soon we will have no grass!

The ice cream's really good.

This is not an issue of national security. The card swiping at the cafeteria should not take so long!

The gym has no treadmills.

I really enjoy the fitness center.

Can we NOT play Britney Spears on 89 FM ?

Why do I have to buy a $13.00 network form just to have my port not turned off? I already paid the technology fee.

The gym is never opened.

Ugly things come in pretty packages.

Quack! Quack!

Beware of the wrestler.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: One Year Later

The anniversary of September 11 has come and gone, and as the nation sits back and reflects on the effects of last year's tragedy, one cannot help but feel slightly overwhelmed by the storm of emotions that has been generated. It started with pure unadulterated shock, which quickly turned to outrage. Then ran the gamut of feelings from revenge to forgiveness.

As the country mourned, American flags flew off shelves. A few months earlier, stores like Wal-Mart were unable to sell flag decals at a 75 percent discount, but by September 12 of last year, they could not keep them in stock. As time passed and the immediate effects of the attacks waned, September 11 began to slip into the nebulous realm of most cultural events. Everywhere you went, someone was talking about the attacks. Public speakers, from priests to politicians, worked the tragedy into their speeches one way or another.

No one can deny the overflow of patriotism that has swept the country in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, but when companies like Chevrolet start using that patriotism to sell trucks, the meaning is diluted and dampened. It has almost gotten to the point where any outward showing of patriotism verges on cliché.

Some find this sad, a sign that our nation is degrading into apathy and cynicism. Others look at the skepticism of patriotism as a healthy questioning of authority and a refusal to accept everything "they" tell us.

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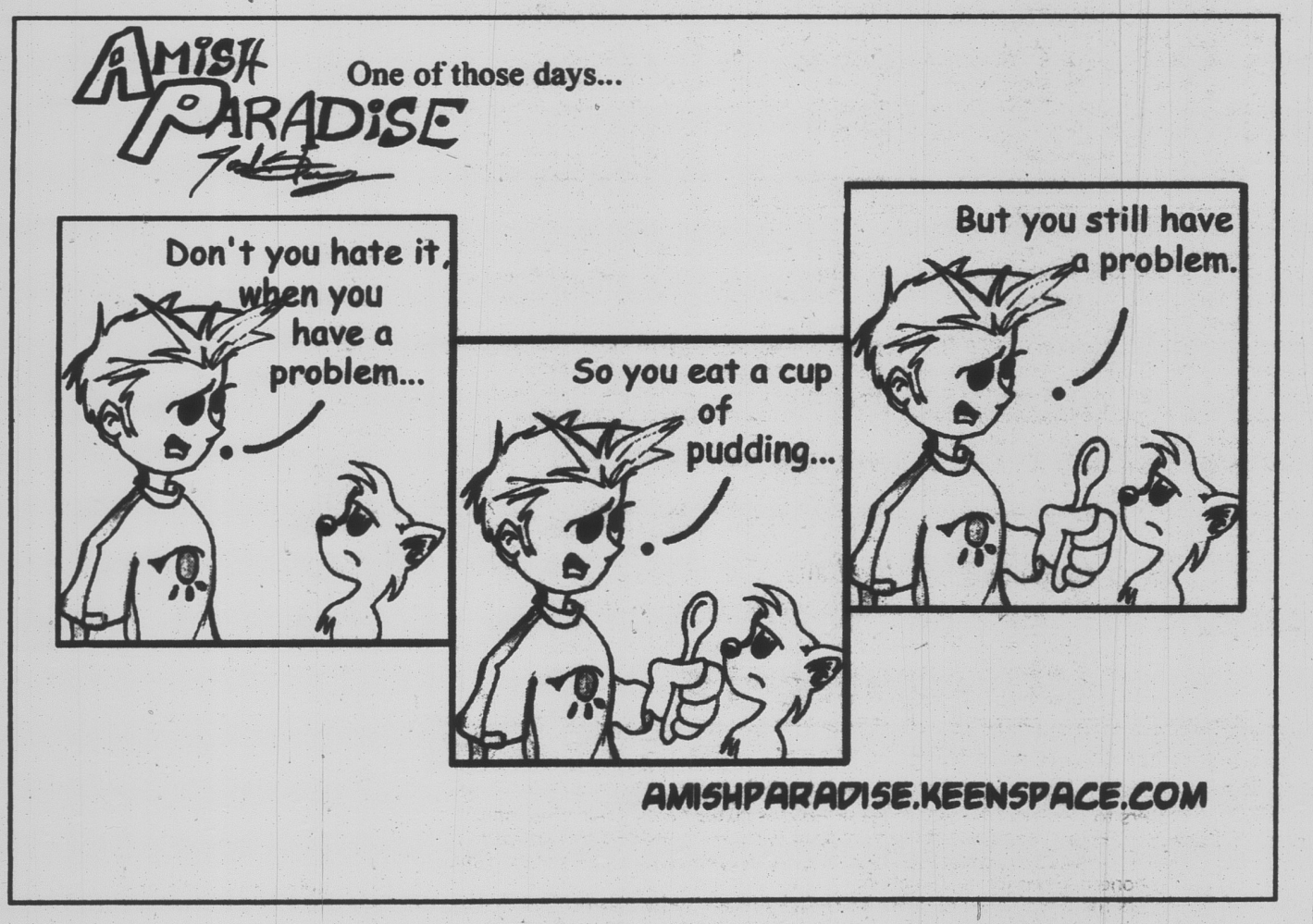
If only for today though, put aside any opinions you might hold of people who plaster their cars with flag decals, or those who feel the need to yell on the White House lawn that war is murder. For today, forget any ulterior motives, any ad campaigns, any cynicism or healthy questioning and simply remember those who lost their lives needlessly, be it on September 11 or April 20 or any other random day that now has a shadow hanging over it. Remember them, and try, in any way you can, to stop these horrible events from reoccurring.

Terrorist-intended targets are not the victims, but the witnesses. The point is not simply to kill mass amounts of people (mass amounts equaling any number between one and infinity), but to send a message to those who survive.

Enough messages have been sent (on both sides). The time has come to put away the tools of violence and seek a different path. Most people believe this cannot happen overnight-cannot happen at all. Violence can change an entire country, one way or another, in an instant. Why can't peace?



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It has been a year since the horrors of September 11 and people continue to die due to the events of that dreadful day. While no further lives have been lost in the United States, innocent people around the world continue to fear for their lives. Am I talking about Palestinian attacks on Israel or bin Ladin's agents attacking US foreign embassies? No! I speak of the terrorist attacks on innocent men, women, and children since September 11, 2001 committed by the United States of America.

Immediately after the September 11 attacks, most of the nation was bent on instant and violent justice. This is understandable considering the frightening nature of the attacks and the staggering number of lives lost. However, once we began to think rationally about the situation, many of us realized the irrationality of the "War of Terrorism." Terrorism has no capital or president. We cannot go to war with terrorism because terrorism is not a tangible thing we can attack. Terrorism will always exist as long as there are fanatical factions with limited means and enemies which are overwhelmingly powerful. A war on terrorism is just as winnable as a war on drugs, and we all know how well that is going.

The problem of terrorism cannot be solved by violent action. It is violent action that caused the attacks on September 11. The involvement of our country in the Middle East inspired those who murdered the nearly 2,900 Americans on that horrific day one year ago. Shortly after those innocent souls were lost, the United States war machine killed an estimated 3,700 innocent Afghanis. It cannot be denied that some terrorists were killed in these attacks, however, the majority of the population of Afghanistan is peaceful. Such attacks on peaceful populations do not prevent terrorism. Such attacks are the stuff that terrorism is made of. By attacking Afghanistan we are only shattering otherwise peaceful lives and giving further inspiration to terrorist organizations.

I know that many of you reading this are horribly offended by my ranting. Good! I hope that you write your own letters to the editor; I hope you talk about this to all your friends. Then you will be thinking about these issues. If you happen to agree with me, you too can write a letter to the editor and tell campus how you feel. Democracy is based on thinking, not blindly waving flags and following orders. Freedom is not agreeing just because everyone else is. Freedom is speaking out because you feel that what you see and hear around you is wrong.

Peace,

Jeremy Baker

Dear Editor,

It is odd to me that an opinion article is ironically titled "Our View: Fresh Start," yet those opinions expressed in said article do not represent the opinions of many of the student body, as the title would imply. I am a first year student and I am extremely disappointed to see such a negative article in the Holcad about such a worthwhile activity.

I have been told that the purposes of Fresh Start are to a) get new students acquainted with the campus b) provide all the necessary information that all students need to know to first years as soon as possible c) provide an atmosphere that is friendly and welcoming...thus alleviating the homesickness that I know many students would have felt without this program to keep them occupied. In my personal opinion, I cannot see where Fresh Start failed in any of these areas. Spreading activities all over campus may have been quite a hike at 8 am but it certainly forces one into knowing there way around to class. Having many informational workshops may have not been a huge mental challenge to anyone, but it surely did answer many questions about rules, regulations, fun things to do, and just information that everyone should be guarded with.

Certainly all Fresh Start staffers provided an extremely welcoming atmosphere. I know they could not have been itching to get out of there beds to at the crack of dawn to hear information they already knew, and walk to places they already knew their way too. Yet, they gave their time willingly to do so. Perhaps they deserve a little more credit than what they received from the article.

Of course when arriving at college for the first time, one yearns to be treated as the adults they feel they are. Yet, I have not met any one person who would rather be thrown to the wolves than to spend a few days settling in and adjusting to their newfound freedom. Yes, some games may have been silly ice breaker games, but then, did they not serve their purpose? I'd like to know of someone who has heard of a sophisticated, mature ice breaker game.

I think those who gave their time to be a part of the Fresh Start staff really did do their job well, as it is a worthwhile activity.

Sincerely,

Danielle Gorley

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Reviews

Road to Perdition and SwimFan

Road to Peridition

Megan Mamula

So, what is perdition anyway? Merriam-Webster defines it as eternal damnation. Some call it hell. In other words, it's a state of being. In the film, Road to Perdition, Perdition, Illinois is where Michael O'Sullivan (Tom Hanks) is heading, though it's not where he ends up.

Road to Perdition, directed by Sam Mendes (American Beauty), is a mobster flick set in 1930s Chicago that revolves around mob hit man Michael O'Sullivan's vengeful journey to Perdition, Illinois. O'Sullivan's son, Michael II, (Tyler Hoechlin) comes along for the ride. O'Sullivan, known to crooks and gangsters as the "Angel of Death," is a family man to his wife (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and two children, while living a secret life as a hit man. The plot deepens when Michael II witnesses his father commit a murder. This Chicago mob family doesn't play nice when it comes to family secrets, and the events that come next send O'Sullivan on a suspenseful mission of revenge and survival.

While Hanks plays his dark, contemplative, shotgun toting character surprisingly well (I almost forgot about his heart-wrenching, romantically comedic performances in Sleepless in Seattle and You've Got Mail), Jude Law's performance chills the audience. Playing the role of Macguire, assassin/photographer of the dead, Jude's icy and morbid appearance makes him perfect for the part. Macguire is quirky and persistent in his efforts to catch his victims, taking pictures of their murders as keepsakes.

Road to Perdition is an action film that tackles the complicated relationships between fathers and sons. But, it does not forget the guns, blood and bank robberies necessary for a good gangster flick. Rated R. Rating: A- or 3.5 stars.

Road to Perdition: An action film that tackles the complicated relationships between fathers and sons. A-.

Swim Fan: In case you're busy and don't have time to read this entire review, I'll give you the grade first: D.

Swim Fan

Elizabeth Adams

I saw SwimFan this weekend. In case you're busy and don't have time to read this entire review, I'll give you the grade first: D. Donate the seven dollars to charity or spend the hour-and-a-half volunteering. Do not see this film.

I might liken this film to Fatal Attraction, although Erika Christensen, who plays the psychotic Madison Belle, is a far cry from Glenn Close. However, the climax of both movies revolves around water. The similarities end here.

Jesse Bradford, who starred in the Nickelodeon movie Clockstoppers, plays SwimFan's hero. I didn't think we would be seeing much of him after the clock movie, but I was wrong. Before that, he was in Bring it On, the cheerleading flick with Kirsten Dunst that, embarrassingly, I enjoyed.

Bradford plays Ben Cronin, a good-looking guy who is starting his senior year of high school. He has a sweet, clingy girlfriend played by Shiri Appleby, he's the star of the swim team and he's an all-around good citizen, evident by his volunteer position at the local hospital.

Enter: Madison Belle who has a brief and freaky encounter with Cronin five minutes after meeting him. For unknown reasons, she becomes obsessed with him and ruins his life with drugs, nude photos and lots of carefully spoken innuendos about their special time together.

Problems with this movie: Why are the girls always the freaks? Excluding Marky Mark's appearance in Fear, the obsessed weirdoes are usually girls who males discard for more virtuous females. Also, Erika Christensen has a disturbingly large face. It was distracting.

Good things about this movie: There weren't many. Bradford is a likeable fellow. I'd like to see him in something that actually has a plot.

Although this movie was rated PG-13, it definitely deserved an R rating. It is incredibly violent and has some serious sexual content. I don't recommend this film.

American Idol proves that a dream can come true after all

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

How many college students expect to one day, wake up a superstar? I doubt there are very many. After all, there is nothing wrong with living in New Wilmington, studying at Westminster and making friends with the Amish. So, why bother with wishful thinking?

Kelly Clarkson, recent winner of the reality-based show, American Idol, proves that dreams can come true with a little help from primetime television. Clarkson, a 20-year-old Texan, was chosen out of the ten dedicated finalists in the nation-wide musical competition. The finalists consisted of five guys and five girls, ranging in age from 17 to 23.

When viewers tune into the show each week and take in the glamour of the bright lights, the brilliant singing talents and the encouraging applause, they are not aware of the long rehearsal hours, gossip and intense competition that goes on behind the scenes.

During the after-the-show interviews, most of the finalists claimed it wasn't the singing or stage experiences that taught them the most. Although they felt that all of these aspects of the show were benefiting, it was the relationships that were formed amongst the candidates that made this experience life changing. After all, without friends, time drags on a lot slower and keeping the faith becomes a lot harder (especially when taking some of the blows that the most critical judge, Simon, was dealing out).

The first runner-up was Justin Guarini, a 23-year-old from Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Although most people would feel extreme disappointment in getting this far and not making the cut, Guarini appeared to be as excited for Kelly as she was for herself. All of his press comments were focused on the fact that he felt that she was the better performer whose winning was well deserved. On an interview in Good Morning, America, he stated that the spotlight belonged on Kelly and the last thing he wanted to do was take that away from her. Though he was not the final winner, this kind of respect and maturity will hopefully help Guarini to go far in the music industry.

So, the finalists were selected, the winner was chosen and the season came to an end. What's next? If you thought that the final episode of American Idol was the last time you would see Kelly, Justin and the others as a group, you were wrong.

The finalists head out on tour together, hitting various locations, from the east to the west, even as close as Cleveland, Oh and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. If you caught the end of the final episode, you know you're in for quite a show when the ten finalists team up as one and take the stage by storm.

Do you think you have the talent to perform on American Idol 2? Check out the website at www.idolonfox.msn.com for audition information, interviews with the cast and even a preview of the new American Idol's new single, "A Moment Like This." Think she's got it made? You could be next!

Upcoming CD Release Dates

Sept. 17th

- John Mayer - Inside Wants Out
- Kenny G - Paradise
- Grand Funk Railroad - Trunk Of Funk
- Lifehouse - Stanley Climbfall
- Natalie Cole - Ask A Woman Who Knows
- Disturbed – Believe

Sept. 24th

- Elvis Presley - Elvis 30 #1 Hits
- Buffy The Vampire Slayer - Once More With Feeling
- Peter Gabriel - Up
- Beck - Sea Change
- The Les Claypoool Frog Brigade - Purple Onion
- Project 86 - Truthless Heroes
- Sepultura - Under A Pale Grey Sky
- Snapcase - End Transmission
- Underworld - Hundred Days Off

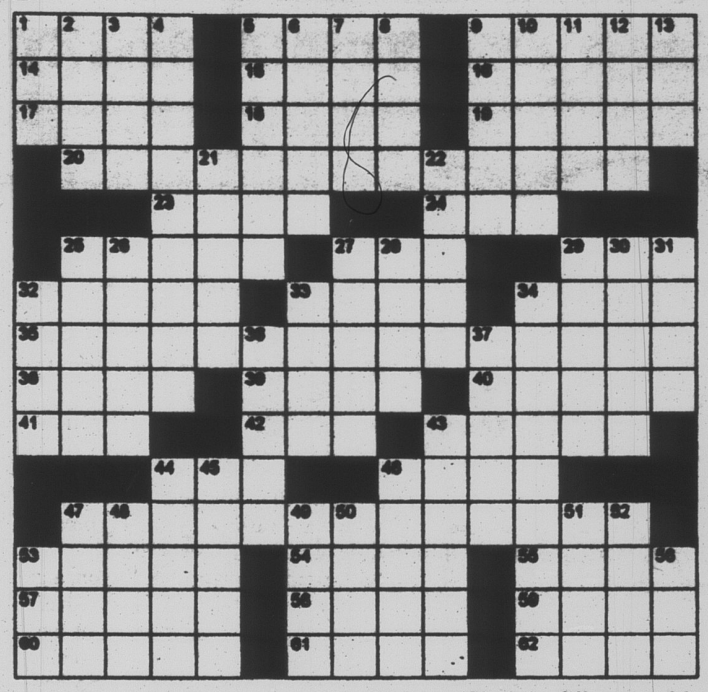
October 1st

- Leeann Rimes - Twisted Angel
- Rolling Stones - Forty Licks
- Elvis Costello - Cruel Smile

Crossword 101

A Walk in The Woods

By Ed Canty



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32 Clement Moore lead in
33 Cloak-and-dagger man
34 Partner in crime
36 Soak the lawn
37 Tripod
43 Brotherhoods
44 ____ Shalala:Clinton cabinet member
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46 Young bird of prey
47 Writer's output
48 Nabisco offering
49 Kind of tournament
50 Made cloth
51 Slender woodwind
52 Girl's nickname
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Quotable Quote

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Your mood might be cranky, resulting from tensions either at home or at work. Speak softly and avoid any disagreements with others. You are in a practical frame of mind and sharp in matters of money. It's a happy time for romance and love.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Spend extra time with family. Fun and adventure will be highlighted. It may be the perfect opportunity for a heart-to-heart talk with your children. Roadblocks are likely in realizing a financial goal. Your passion deepens.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

You and your mate get along throughout the entire week. All those chores that really need to get done will be accomplished like clockwork. Your career is highlighted, so don't be surprised if you receive a raise or promotion. Be patient around children.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Start the week in a practical frame of mind. Take time alone and treat yourself to something that will make you feel extra special. Some co-workers will be critical and sarcastic, but otherwise work runs smoothly. Your career is about to take a big step forward. Managers are impressed with your effort.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Listen to a friend's advice on money matters - an objective point of view is what you need. Your sweetheart may be feeling neglected, and accuse you of unrealistic expectations, so make the time for romance and intimacy. It's time for a few practical steps to improve your image.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

There will probably be a strong urge to immerse yourself in creative pursuits. Keep an open mind and you may be pleasantly surprised. Both business and household projects enjoy favorable influences, and you may get a bonus for recently positive efforts.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

The more you depend on your reserves, the stronger you are. You inspire family members likewise. There are some self-doubts lingering, which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed. Remember - if you can't say any thing nice, don't say anything at all.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Spend time with close friends and you'll find that your friendships and loves are very fulfilling. There is someone trying to undermine your position with flattery and bribery. Keep your cool. There will be great news about money, and possibly a new, lucrative job offer.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

It will be an effortless and pleasurable week for you. Keep in mind you do have the power to make all sorts of changes for the better. Everyone seems overly emotional as of late, so be on guard for lies and accusations. Harmony will be restored at home by week's end.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Wherever you are, you will be surrounded by friendship and luck. Unexpected money is coming your way. Both family and work responsibilities are heavy, so take one situation at a time. Be aware that guidance comes through your dreams. Positive vibes continue at home.

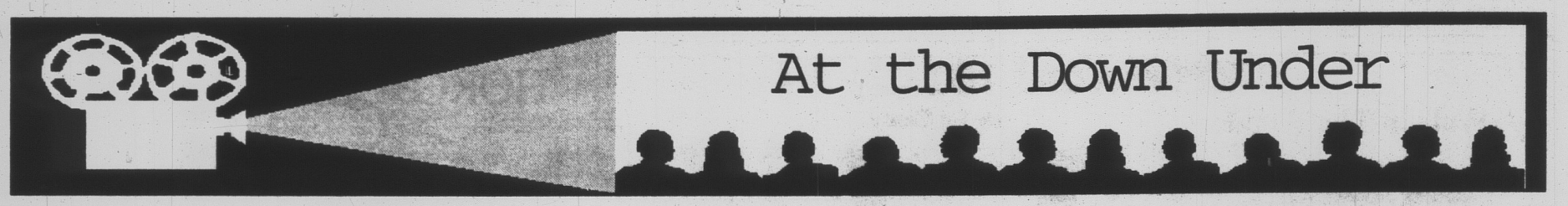
AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

You need to travel in order to check out an opportunity to increase your income. Don't neglect a mate who's starving for attention. Both your professional image and reputation is boosted to new levels. Your charm and magnetism take you through any sticky situations right now.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

It's a week of heavy mental stimulation and challenges. Both innovative and unconventional approaches work. Your assertiveness takes you far at work. Your family is happy and enjoys being together. Plan your entertainment and include others from the sideline.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your closest relationships are stable for now, but your inner voice may be prompting you to take time alone for self-renewal. Professional advancement is at hand, so keep yourself on the straight and narrow. Your creative urges may turn into profit.



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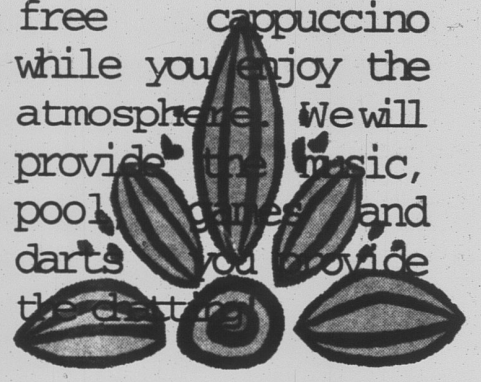

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New track ready for fall athletics

by **Erin Quinlan**
Staff Writer

Walking on pins and needles is an appropriate cliché to use when describing Bury Stadium's former track, but aerobic exercise on the track isn't a painstaking task anymore.

The initial track, consisting of pebbles and soot, had no mercy when it came to cushioning strides. Architects from Southwest Recreational Industry (SRI) worked throughout the summer and fall of 2001 to complete the college's new track by spring semester. In November, the 400-meter red track encircling the football field was complete.

Students and community members expressed their satisfaction by frequently using the track.

"I never ran on the old track because I despised running on the pebbles. Now, I run almost three times a week on the track," senior Cristy Laudadio said.

Physical Education classes also used the track, and sports teams no longer conditioned on New Wilmington High School's cement track. Despite the new track's success, problems awaited.

When laying a track, the weather has to be between 50 F-80 F for the three topcoats to adhere properly. If the adhesion is weak, water can seep under the rubber coats and cause problems.

This past summer, random areas on the track started to bubble. Jim Dafler, athletic director and head coach of the men's basketball team, asked SRI to fix the troubled areas. After the architects re-laid the areas, the elasticity and color did not match the original track. The entire track had to be re-laid.

The architects from SRI were successful in completing the track before students arrived this year.

"I wanted the track to be ready for the fall teams to condition and compete on," Dafler said.

"I am happy that the track was ready for us. I would have been upset if we had to condition on the cement," senior Tammy Newell said.

"I had to trust the architects' decisions. The track was laid down in the right weather conditions this time," Dafler said.

Photo by Aly Karg

Cross country women's team practicing on newly surfaced track.

Professor relates baseball to genetics

by **Garry Gates**
Staff Writer

Baseball, genetics and Westminster College. What could possibly be the connection? Biology professor Dr. Patrick McCarthy answered this question and more during his lecture "The Genetics All-Star Team," one of several presentations scheduled to coincide with the college's Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

McCarthy's lecture was dedicated to his grandson Andrew and Andrew's mother, Meegan, "with an eye to the future." It was designed to give the 80-100 students and faculty that attended a brief overview of the last 150 years of genetics research and accomplishments.

"Can anybody guess what's in here?" McCarthy asked, holding up a red-colored cookie container. After a few incorrect guesses from the audience, he opened the container and revealed a pair of baseballs.

The first baseball, he said, was from the 1994 World Series. He then admitted the World Series was not played in 1994, as Major League Baseball went on strike that year. The ball would have been used had there been a World Series, and McCarthy joked about the ball being deemed a collector's item.

The other ball came from the 1952 Detroit Tigers, and was signed by an assortment of players.

After introducing the baseballs, McCarthy revealed the connection between baseball, genetics and Westminster College: each is celebrating 150 years of history.

He tied his subjects together using three all-star lists. His first, a baseball list, included players for each position, alternates and managers. He said it was important to note that it is almost impossible to create a completely accurate list, without leaving one or more deserving persons out.

"I think the baseball references helped Dr. McCarthy get his point across. It made some of the scientists who I've never heard of more easy to relate to," said Craig Rechichar, a junior broadcast communications major at Westminster. "The whole presentation was pretty decent."

Next he produced an all-star list of genetics professors at Westminster College that dated back to 1913 with Owen Mills. The list also included McCarthy himself.

The majority of the lecture focused on an All-Star Genetics Team, which featured a collection of scientists who have contributed many important ideas to the world of genetics.

The list included such scholars as Mendel, McClintock, Gilbert, Avery,

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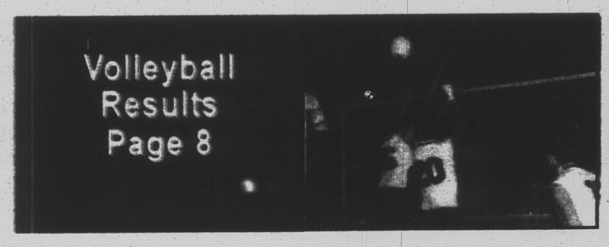

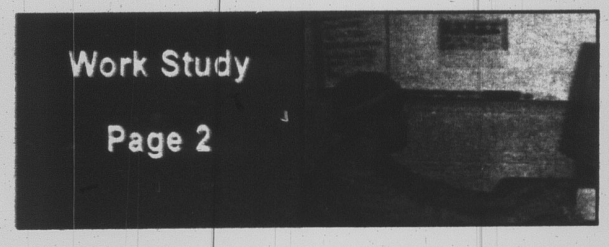

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CAMPUS NEWS

Work-study beneficial for students in financial need

by Robert Lyles
Staff Writer

Work-study is a type of financial aid available to college students who need assistance in paying for their educational expenses.

Prior to entering school, students should submit an application for financial aid to determine their eligibility. Once submitted, students will be notified of fund availability.

Any student awarded financial aid is eligible for work-study. It shall be provided to the students with the greatest financial need.

After being awarded work-study funds, students must work to receive the money.

First-year students eligible for work-study are assigned a job. Upperclassmen must seek employment for themselves through one of the college departments.

The average workweek for students approximates ten hours. Due to the rigorous academics at the college, only a maximum of 20 hours are permitted.

"It's beneficial to both the student and the college," said Bob Latta, Director of Financial Aid.

For the college, the government subsidizes the program. This, in turn, allows for each department to employ more students.

At the end of the year, a large percentage of the funds are reimbursed back to the school.

For students, work-study provides an opportunity to gain job skills needed after graduation. It also teaches students how to manage their time.

Furthermore, students develop the ability to interact with people of the working world.

There are several kinds of jobs available via work-study: lab assistants, research, clerical and technical. Some jobs require experience in a particular field while others demand none.

By working year round, the student can offset his/her college costs more easily.

"Work-study is definitely worth it," said senior Regene King. "You can use the money for whatever."

Contributed Photo

Senior Joe Gil working at the Help Desk, one of the many work study positions available to students.

Dorm renovations to make residence life safer

by Kristen Nicklin
Staff Writer

In the next few years, the campus will see many improvements, including dormitory renovations. These renovations will make residence life safer and more comfortable for students.

The state of Pennsylvania is asking all colleges to upgrade their fire systems. The funding for this project comes from the state's low interest loans.

Sprinkler systems and fire escape doors in the eight residence halls will be updated after graduation in 2003. Students will have to be cautious with the new sprinkler systems, because high temperatures or cigarette smoke can trigger the sprinklers.

"I will feel much safer living in the dorms when the new sprinklers and fire doors get installed," sophomore Jill Dobi said.

Along with the new fire systems, the school will provide new furniture and carpet for some of the dormitory rooms and lobbies. Eichenhauer will receive new carpet to replace the existing carpet that has been in place for more than thirty years. Eichenhauer, Galbreath and Hillside will eventually receive new furniture.

"Making decisions on what building to work on next is always the hardest, because picking one group over the other is hard, so they try to keep things balanced," said Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Molly Burnett. "Feedback from students is very important, and I am always looking for suggestions to change the residence halls to please the students."

For more campus news,
check out Westminster Weekly:
http://www.westminster.edu/News/weekly

PRSSA stresses hands on experience for students

by Cortney DiVito
Staff Writer

Westminster's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America is focusing on providing its members with hands on experience this year.

The chapter stresses the importance of preparing students for a career in public relations by offering various learning programs such as resume and website building workshops, seminars, field trips and colloquiums. PRSSA President Megan Clark has gone through many interviews and she stresses the importance of getting as much knowledge about a future job as possible.

"Hands on experience is essential when you are applying for a PR job. Your potential employers want to know what actions you have taken. They do not want a list of activities you are in, but examples of what you have done for those activities. With PRSSA, we give you that opportunity," she said.

PRSSA is the student version of the Public Relations Society of America. It opens the door to potential contacts by providing students with a network of people involved in the PRSA. Jody Miron, public relations officer for PRSSA, emphasizes the importance of knowing people.

"Even our sponsor, Debbie Foster, Director of Corporate Communications of the Heinz Company, is a contact. We also have a strong relationship with the PRSA. These contacts will help you, even after you graduate," Jody said. "In fact, October is the PRSSA and PRSA relationship month, in which we work to strengthen our relationship with the PRSA."

Members from different chapters are also entitled to win over $20,000 in scholarship money from the national PRSSA and its sponsors. Members also have the opportunity to compete with other chapters in the Bateman Competition and travel to different cities for the National Assembly, National Conference and Regional Activities. Here, students will be able to participate in several programs that emphasize leadership and development programs.

The PRSSA also conducts fundraisers for its Candlelighters philanthropy. The Candlelighters is a group that helps raise money for fatally ill children.

Previously, only majors and minors of public relations were able to participate in the organization.

"Now this pre-professional society is open to anyone with an interest in public relations. We are accepting new members right now," Clark said. "We look forward to encompassing a variety of majors in our organization because we can all learn from each other."

The chapter was established four years ago, and is now under the direction of visiting lecturer Mrs. Delores Natale and assistant professor Dr. Deborah Mitchell.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting place will be announced in a campus-wide e-mail. Any questions regarding the PRSSA may be directed to Clark, vice-president Megan Elias or secretary Amanda Kengersky.

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Photo by Aly Karg

Dr. McCarthy delivered a presentation on baseball and genetics.

Morgan and Muller, and highlighted a few ideas and accomplishments for each scholar.

"The people that you've seen on the team, I believe, are people that have had at least one great thought, one great idea; an idea of things to come," McCarthy said.

After naming Avery, McClintock, and Mendel as the "Big Three" scientists that McCarthy claimed had the most profound effects in the field of genetics, he opened the floor for questions.

McCarthy received his Ph.D. in Biology from Wayne State University in 1970. He has taught Foundations of Biology I, Cell and Molecular Biology, Genetics and Immunology.

Westminster starts new year better, not bigger

by **Brittany Jardine**
Staff Writer

This fall, 380 first-year students began their education at Westminster, bringing the total enrollment up to 1,450 undergraduate students, not including the 200 graduate students who are enrolled here as well. The first-year students came into Westminster with an average SAT score of 1065 and a high school grade point average of 3.3. The admissions polices were more strict this year, since there were 1,300 applicants from which to choose. There are already 16,000 high-school seniors that have shown interest in the college for next year, proving that the college's high reputation is spreading.

Many faculty members believe Westminster provides a tight knit atmosphere that appeals to potential applicants. At a school like Penn State, the student to teacher is 17.5:1. Our school provides a 13:1 student to teacher ratio, allowing students to develop closer relationships with faculty members, as well as with other students.

Smaller class size allows students to develop a stronger relationship with faculty members both in and out of the classroom. Junior Tawnya Brown believes that this makes the college more appealing to potential students. "I have learned a great deal from my professors in my classes, but they have also taught many applicable skills and lessons for everyday life," Brown said. "It is a rarity to develop a personal relationship with faculty members at most schools because of class size, but we are truly at an advantage because our professors and faculty members know us well enough to help us put a foot in the door when we leave Westminster."

The smaller class size and the sense of a close-knit college environment can be the determining factor when deciding where to go to college, as it was for first-year student Andy Hudak. "I looked at several large schools in Ohio, but when I came here I realized what a tight community this is, and how my education would benefit because of this," Hudak said. "We are given incredible opportunity to succeed here; and I think at a larger school, many of us could have slipped through the cracks. I feel we are truly in a unique situation at Westminster."

As more and more students apply to Westminster, there is no denying that admissions decisions are going to become tougher. Luckily, the college is beginning an early action program to help students reserve a spot at Westminster. Regardless of the number of applicants Westminster receives each year, the college is focused on staying a close-knit community that deals with each student on an individual level.

Sleep in the Quad for a good cause!!!!

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Planning to graduate in December or May?

Deadline for applications: September 30, 2002

Applications for graduation and degree audit reports were mailed to all students with 80+ semester hours. The deadline for returning the application form is Sept. 30.

Please complete and return the application form whether or not you plan to graduate this academic year.

Students returning forms in person to the Registrar's Office in Old Main by the deadline receive a 20% off coupon for Westminster merchandise at the Bookstore.

If you are planning to graduate but did not receive an application and degree audit report, please contact the Registrar's Office immediately.

AROUND THE GLOBE

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College administrators receiving higher salaries

by Rachel Velcoff
AP Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Historically, the position of college president has been a job of prestige and honor — but not necessarily associated with financial success. However, in recent years, administrators in higher education have been receiving salaries increasingly comparable to private sector executives — and their job descriptions have become more similar, too.

The position of college and university presidents is in flux, both financially and philosophically, according to higher education experts. As part of this metamorphosis, presidents are stepping down from their ivory towers and into more dynamic roles in which they are expected to act as both academic authorities and corporate executives. It's this new, multi-dimensional approach to the role that is motivating universities to come up with new ways of attracting — and maintaining - top administrators.

In Fiscal Year 2001, University of Pennsylvania President Judith Rodin received a combined salary, benefits package and expense account in excess of $800,000, according to University tax forms. Her salary alone was $690,405, the highest it has been during her long tenure at Penn.

According to higher education experts, such salaries are indicative of the changing nature of college presidencies. "Non-profit organizations deserve competent CEOs, and the nature of the presidency is clearly changing," said Ray Cotton, vice president for higher education at ML Strategies, a Washington-based consulting firm.

"Years and years ago, boards wanted people who were Ph.D.s in their field," Cotton said. "Nowadays, what boards want are people who are good managers, people who can raise significant money for the institution, people who can get along with all of the various [groups] at the university... and a president who trips over one of those constituencies could easily lose his or her job."

But to harness these ideal "skill sets" for their institution and keep successful administrators where they are, boards are raising salaries into territory that is uncharted — at least in the world of higher education.

"Most university boards are working very hard at keeping the valuable talent they have so they don't lose any time in moving the university forward, and that, of course, translates into competitive salaries," said Jan Greenwood, vice president of A.T. Kearney, Inc., a Virginia-based executive search firm. "The universities are buying talent and experience.... In order to be competitive, they have to begin structuring a compensation [package] that is in fact competitive."

Over the past few years, Rodin's salary has consistently been near the top of the charts, even when compared to the other Ivy League schools. In FY 2000, her $605,000 base salary made her the second-highest-paid president of a private research university that year, according to figures reported by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The top earner in the group was the University of Bridgeport's Richard Rubenstein, who received a total compensation and benefits package of nearly $850,000. Other Ivy League presidents received less than Rodin and Rubenstein in FY 2000, but still saw a significant rise over previous years. Princeton's former President Harold Shapiro received a base salary of $451,750, Harvard's former President Neil Rudenstine received $352,650 and Columbia's former President George Rupp received a $524,875 base.

Although Rodin's salary consistently puts her at "clearly a very high end" by current standards, according to Greenwood, she is not the only president whose salary has been rising. Greenwood said Rodin's salary is "certainly within the ballpark of what we would see."

"I think as the role changes, boards are willing to pay more," Cotton said. "Now, as the job description has changed and boards want tough administrators, they're looking at the compensation differently." In addition to raising base salaries, colleges and universities are also changing the way presidents are compensated, tacking on huge benefits plans that sometimes include signing bonuses, paid-up insurance policies and deferred compensation plans.

"The packages are becoming more creative," said Rob Perry, president of H.R. Perry and Associates, a Washington-based executive search firm. He added that some benefits, like housing and car services, have been offered for a while.

"That's an area where there is a lot of change going on," Cotton said. "More and more board members are coming out of corporations where they're used to certain kinds of benefits that traditionally higher education has not offered.... They're used to seeing it in their daily lives at work."

One factor motivating university boards are the increasingly high salaries of private sector CEOs, whose jobs involve many of the same responsibilities that college presidents' jobs involve.

According to Greenwood, boards are asking themselves whether they are willing to risk losing their administrators. If they're not, the solution is to increase the compensation package and "try to provide a very comfortable environment for the person who is there to keep them happy," Greenwood said. "I think the general market understands that the people in higher education do not make what those in the private business world make."

The rise also stems from competition among universities, which frequently look to their peer institutions' administrative bodies to fill their own vacancies. Rodin "is an example of somebody who has been very successful," Cotton said. "Therefore, the board is trying to compensate her at a level that would not make her recruitable."

Another factor is that universities are broadening the range of candidates they look at to fill top positions, Perry noted. "There's also been an increase in the number of non-traditional candidates that are being recruited for presidencies," Perry said. "That factor has driven up presidential salaries as well... [nontraditional candidates] have been used to making a lot more."

But experts agreed that although the position of university president is becoming more similar to a private sector job, most academic administrators are perfectly happy to remain in higher education.

"I will certainly say to the board, 'You know, you don't have to pay dollar-for-dollar' to meet private sector salaries," Cotton said. "People are motivated by other things in higher education, but you have to keep an eye on it."

The trend is also spreading to public universities, according to numbers released this year by the Chronicle. Although public school presidents are traditionally paid less than their peers at private colleges and universities, public schools are finding that in order to keep their top administrators, they have to keep their numbers competitive.

Meanwhile, the trend towards higher salaries and bigger benefits packages shows no signs of slowing down. "I don't think anyone expects it to peak," Greenwood said. "I think people expect it to continue... these things don't just stop somewhere in time, they keep developing over the years to stay competitive."

—Regional Briefs—

IUP professor tests mosquitos for West Nile

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) - A biology professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania said he plans to send more than 2,800 mosquitos he collected in 1980 to state health officials to test them for the West Nile Virus.

Jan Humphreys, who specializes in medical entomology, said it would be valuable to know if any of the mosquitos carried the virus decades ago, though he said it is doubtful that the virus would be found in his specimens.

"As a scientist, you never close your mind to anything," he said.

Researchers at the state Department of Environmental Protection will pulverized the mosquitoes and test their DNA for traces of the virus, said Andy Kyle, an entomologist for the DEP. The results, if positive, would be passed on to the state health department, he said.

Humphreys and his students gathered 15 species of mosquitos to determine whether any one particular type was more prone to carry disease.

Flight 93 remembered

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) - The Sons of the American Revolution have awarded the group's highest civilian honor to the passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93.

Members from six states gathered at the site of the crash Saturday for a solemn ceremony.

The group awarded the Medal of Heroism to Jeremy Glick, Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham, Tom Burnett and Louis Nacke II. Conversations with loved ones before the plane crashed suggest the five men were directly involved in a plan to take control of the airliner from terrorists.

The SAR awarded another Medal of Heroism, this one left blank, for the remaining 28 passengers and seven crew members who may have fought with the terrorists.

Flight 93 crashed into a field outside Shanksville on Sept. 11.

New regulations for officers in unmarked police cars

PITTSBURGH (AP) - State police are seeking comment from other law enforcement agencies on a draft of regulations being developed for using unmarked police cars and displaying identification.

The regulations are part of an effort between state police and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to deal with police impersonators stopping motorists.

When the regulations are completed, they will be distributed in new or renewal vehicle registration packets, PennDOT spokeswoman Joan Nissley said.

That will take some time, even though the distribution was supposed to have taken place on July 1. "We don't want to take away any tools from police departments, so we want to get all kinds of input on this," said state police spokesman Jack Lewis.

The state Chiefs of Police Association, which has about 1,200 members, supports the regulations. The association wants the public to understand how to react when stopped by an unmarked police car, said Michael Carroll, the association's president and chief of the West Goshen police department in Chester County.

The association suggests that drivers turn on their interior vehicle light when stopped as a signal for an officer to do the same. That way, the driver can see whether the officer is in uniform, which is a requirement for police in unmarked cars on traffic details, Carroll said.

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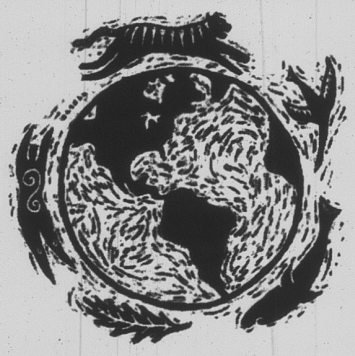

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INTERNATIONAL

Islamic prostitution on rise due to strict sex rules

by ALI AKBAR DAREINI
AP Press Writer

MASHHAD, Iran (AP) - Saeed Hanaei went to the gallows for murdering prostitutes, but some Iranians are holding him up as a hero who acted against a growing social scourge.

"Hanaei, a man who preferred a dignified death to a humiliating life. 'If I removed corruption, it was for the good of the people,'" his gravestone read.

Hanaei, who was hanged in April for strangling 16 prostitutes, said he wanted corrupt women out of Mashhad, site of an important Shiite Muslim shrine 550 miles northeast of Tehran.

Official statistics suggest prostitution is increasing in the Islamic Republic.

"Based on our findings, the number of prostitutes is unfortunately on the rise. There are now an estimated 30,000 working prostitutes in Iran," said Hadi Motamedi, a top official at the State Welfare Organization.

Motamedi could not say how much prostitution had increased, because it was considered so minimal earlier that no statistics were gathered. But women waiting for customers in the streets are visibly more numerous than in past years.

The prostitutes are believed to work independently, though police have sporadically reported organized prostitution rings run mostly by women in private houses.

The monthly magazine Zanan (Women) recently quoted two 15-year-olds as saying they fell into prostitution after they fled homes where they were beaten. One of them said her conservative father tortured her after seeing her chatting with a boy.

Iran's strict Islamic rules allow little socializing between the sexes, and young Iranians have been jailed and flogged for dancing together at birthday parties.

"Parents who are suspicious of their children, don't give their children any choice or freedom, and always impose their thinking on them, force such children to flee homes," said psychologist Hamzeh Ganji.

Ganji said young girls who leave home often must become prostitutes to survive.

More than half of Iran's 70 million people are below age 25. The unemployment rate is officially 15 percent, but private experts say it really is about 30 percent.

The rise in prostitution has led to suggestions that brothels be legalized and monitored. Some Iranians say brothels could be run according to Islamic rules, presumably under a Shiite Muslim tradition in which men and women are allowed to have "temporary marriages"- sometimes less than 24 hours.

Most clerics, though, scoff at the idea that sex outside marriage can ever be condoned by Islam. After the 1979 revolution, clerics destroyed brothels as un-Islamic and corrupting.

Ganji argues that allowing brothels would enable the authorities to control AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, "and the rest of the society will live in peace without women afraid of being molested or wrongly approached by customers in streets."

Psychiatrist Mahdis Kamkar said Iranians should recognize the rise in prostitution as a symptom of broader social problems such as "troubled families, divorce, identity crises and social contradictions."

Some men seek prostitutes out of "personal failure and disappointment," she said. Others "are men who have no affectionate sex relationship with their wives. They look at their wife as a sex object. This leads to trouble and such men go to prostitutes, who demand money and nothing else."

Kamkar said some young men may seek out prostitutes because they otherwise would have no relations with women before marriage.

"In school, boys and girls are kept separate and are told about chastity. Outside school, they see a sharply different world," she said.

Hanaei, the serial killer, is defended by his family and others.

"I'm not sad that my dad is dead. I'm sad because he failed to achieve his goal," his 16-year old son, Ali, told The Associated Press.

Not everyone is happy with that response, including the government. Disturbed that Hanaei's grave was drawing admirers, officials ordered his family to remove the headstone with the inscription saying he worked "for the good of the people." It was replaced with: "The blessed soul Saeed Hanaei."

Still, the grave in the sprawling Behesht-e-Reza cemetery, six miles (9.6 kilometers) south of Mashhad, continues to draw visitors.

"He did a good job. Prostitutes don't deserve to be alive," said Qasem Hosseini, who came to pray over the grave.

But others at the cemetery disagreed.

"Hanaei was a criminal. His body should have not been even allowed to be buried here," said Zohreh Ashtiani. As she spoke, a dozen men and women standing nearby nodded in agreement.

Athens faces challenge preparing for Olympics

by LISA ORKIN
AP Press Writer

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Athens' links with antiquity helped it win the 2004 Olympics. Now, that rich past could add to its present challenge: building the Summer Games' sites on time.

"It is a problem in Greece generally. Wherever you dig, you find antiquities," said Tilemahos Hitiris, the government's 2004 Olympics spokesman.

So far, Olympics organizers have been spared major complications in their race against the clock. No important ruins or finds have canceled venue plans. But some discoveries - including the remains of 4,000-year-old dwellings unearthed last month - show that any new excavation could strike a buried treasure.

Some archaeologists wonder if artifacts could be steamrolled in the dash to overcome years of construction delays.

"To go the fast way, in a way that will destroy the antiquities ... is not right. That is wrong and it is prohibited," said Irene Gratsias, an archaeologist from the Hellenic Society for the Preservation of the Environment and Cultural Heritage. "Some things will be destroyed out of necessity because you cannot stop the development of the city and of life, but a very good systematic study must take precedence."

At the planned Olympic equestrian center in Marcopoulos, about nine miles southeast of Athens, crews last winter uncovered what archaeologists believe is a 2,500-year-old shrine to the love goddess Aphrodite that may have also served as a brothel. Although the discovery did not seriously delay construction, any new ones could throw the project behind schedule.

The Olympics' latest collision with antiquity is more highly charged.

The foundations of two early Bronze Age dwellings were discovered at the site of the rowing center in Schinias, about 18 miles northeast of Athens. A government archaeologist said the finds were not significant, but construction in the area has been halted pending a survey.

Environmental groups and archaeologists had strongly opposed building the rowing center. They claim the facility will endanger birds, fish and a rare species of pine, and will encroach on the site of the 490 B.C. Battle of Marathon, after which the modern race is named.

Olympics organizers and the government insist no harm will come to the delicate marshland ecosystem. They also say the site was underwater at the time of the Athenians' famed victory over the Persians at Marathon - a claim challenged by the discoveries.

Archaeologists are working hard to keep up with the round-the-clock work at some sites.

"If antiquities present themselves, the work will stop so that the excavation can start," said Nicoletta Valakou, the head of prehistoric and classical antiquities department of the Culture Ministry.

The possibilities for an ugly showdown - tight deadlines versus strict protection laws - are a product of the delays, critics say.

"We could have avoided all this if there had been planning that was on time," said Manolis Kefaloyiannis, parliament deputy for New Democracy, the main opposition party.

Dealing with antiquities is the price of doing construction work in Greece.

Sometimes it adds history. Pottery, ancient ceramic pipes and even an entombed skeleton are on display in Athens' subway.

Other times it creates more work. A planned museum at the foot of the Acropolis had to be redesigned after ruins were found spanning 1,400 years from Athens' Golden Age to Byzantium.

And, finally, there are places where crews simply packed up. In 1997, contractors found ruins believed to be the lyceum, or school, where Aristotle taught nearly 2,500 years ago. It blocked plans for a museum designed by architect I.M. Pei.

Denis Oswald, head of the International Olympic Committee's coordination team for Athens, has warned that any "unpleasant surprises" - earthquakes, labor strikes or finding ancient ruins - could disrupt the timetable.

Athens organizers said they trust the government and its archaeologists to preserve any important finds. But the finds in Schinias have set off a public debate about the struggle to deliver the 2004 venues on time and to still respect Greece's history.

"Setting aside all responsibilities and egos," said an editorial in the Kathimerini daily, "Marathon is the property of Greece's national history, not of the 2004 Olympics."

NATIONAL

McDonald's blamed for overweight children

by **Kathryn Bangs**
AP Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Overweight Americans might already blame fast food meals for their size, but after a George Washington University professor finishes his work on an upcoming lawsuit, obese individuals may send their medical bills to McDonald's.

John Banzhaf, a GW law professor, is currently working on a case on behalf of Ashley Pelman and Jazlen Bradley, two overweight 8-year-old girls who "were lured into McDonald's with playgrounds and tiny toys," he said. The complaint was filed in the New York State Supreme Court Aug. 22, but a trial date is yet to be set.

"To get the little toys, you have to buy the meal," Banzhaf said. Banzhaf contends McDonald's birthday parties, which include games and prizes along with hamburgers and fries, are also to blame because the girls have to eat "greasy" food if they want to be accepted into a particular social ring. Although he noted individuals should take some blame for their obesity because they choose the foods they eat, Banzhaf said 8-year-olds are incapable of making health-related decisions.

"It is hard to argue that these girls have personal responsibility," he said. "If girls can't understand the consequences of sex at 16, it is hard to say that girls of eight can understand the consequences of eating greasy food."

Some experts said increasing obesity in children is linked to the popularity of fast food restaurants. "Fast food restaurants are obviously trying to attract young kids with toys and easy meals," child psychologist Beth Liederman said. "You can definitely place blame (for the children's obesity) on the restaurants because of the colorful advertising."

"I don't think (the lawsuit) will decrease obesity, but it will increase awareness of fast food's role," said Jacqueline Johnson, coordinator of exercise research and services at GW.

Banzhaf said "warnings and clear and conspicuous labeling of fat and calorie content" might solve his problems with the fast food chain. McDonald's displays its nutrition facts in all restaurants and on its Web site, though federal law does not require them to, restaurant customer service representative Pito Martinez said.

But Banzhaf said the information on the Web site is difficult to read. "They use four-point type," he said. He also noted the health risks associated with obesity. There are nearly twice as many overweight children and almost three times as many overweight adolescents as there were in 1980, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's 2001 Report on overweight and obesity. Approximately 300,000 deaths a year in the United States are currently associated with overweight and obesity. "If left unabated, overweight and obesity may soon cause as much preventable disease and death as cigarette smoking," the report concluded.

Some experts think Banzhaf has no case. Eating fast food is the choice of the customer, said John Doyle, co-founder of Consumer Freedom. Consumer Freedom is an organization representing restaurant operators and individuals who want to preserve consumer rights to spend their money on foods they choose. "The child's lawsuit will be laughed out of court," Doyle said.

He also said parents are to blame for the problem. "How did these kids get to McDonald's? Their parents drove them," Doyle said.

Samuel Hirsch is the attorney for the case, in which Banzhaf is an adviser and researcher. Banzhaf said he will work in court "if needed," but will not receive any profits unless he goes to court. He said he uses his skills "to help society ... because they serve public interest."

Banzhaf's current case is not his first interaction with McDonald's. Two years ago James Pizzirusso, a student in Banzhaf's class, said McDonald's claimed its french fries were vegetarian, but they were precooked in beef fat. In an official McDonald's apology, the corporation admitted to "improperly" identifying its fries as vegetarian, according to McDonald's Web site.

The class conducted legal research for the lawsuit and then passed it to a trial lawyer. Banzhaf said out of the $12.5 million won in the settlement, $10 million went to vegan, Muslim and Hindu organizations, and $2.5 million went to lawyer fees.

"This was a problem for people who are vegan, Hindu and Muslim," Banzhaf said. "It is much like a person slipping pork into a kosher meal." -Julie Gordon contributed to this report.

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Student visa restrictions result of 9/11 attacks

by Melissa McKeon
AP Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Many students all over the world hope to come to the United States to pursue a higher education. But in October 2001, additional restrictions on student visas were placed by the Bush administration in more than 20 countries in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Triwahyu Widodo, vice president for the International Student Association and a senior industrial engineering major, said it took him about a month to receive his visa from Indonesia so he could come to Texas A&M University to study.

"I did not experience any difference because I renewed my visa for this year before Sept. 11," Widodo said. His brother, he said, should also be here attending classes, but he is still waiting for his visa to be approved. "Indonesia is one of the biggest Muslim countries in the world; I think that has a lot to do with the delay," Widodo said.

Suzanne Drolesky, executive director of International Programs for students at A&M, said the application process is taking about 6-8 weeks longer this year than last year.

According to a group of foreign student advisers from the Association of International Educators, tuition and living expenses gleaned from the 550,000 foreign undergraduate and graduate students studying in American schools added $11 billion to the economy last year. Until recently, international students could have their visas reissued to them while still in America, but they must now get them in the country where their passport is issued.

"My friend left after the semester to get his visa renewed in Indonesia and now he can't come back," Widodo said. "He got rejected. And if you're rejected three times, the chances of getting a student visa are zero." International students at A&M are a little disappointed with the new regulations, but they understand that new security measures must be implemented, Widodo said.

The situation may be more difficult because of a plan by the Bush administration to check foreign students even more if their area of study could possibly be used in an attack against the United States.

Most of the screening is concentrated toward specific areas of study, such as high tech and science fields, Drolesky said. Screening people coming into the United States is done with good intentions, but the screening must be reasonable, she said. "The heightened security must be fair so students are not unduly scrutinized or stressed," Drolesky said.

Student visas should be closely monitored, but the United States should not go overboard, senior English major Lauren Jones said. "Visas should not be handed out to just anyone," Jones said. "We all want to keep the United States and our campuses safe, but we have to keep in mind that not everyone from another country is out to harm us."

Student visas comprise less than 2 percent of all visas issued to people around the world for admittance to the United States. "I'd be a lot more concerned about the other 98 percent," Drolesky said. "Students in general are easily trackable and the same is true for international students as well."

International students go through the same admissions process as all other college students, but must meet extra criteria as well, Drolesky said. She said they must gather enough money to support them selves for a year, prove to the United States they are here to study and come to a new country and try to be successful, among other things.

Many more students are denied admittance to the United States than are admitted, Drolesky said. "It's just frustrating to our students that put so much effort into being admitted," she said. "Now they have to go through added potential rejection and denials just to be a legitimate student."

Bush demands United Nations force Iraq to disarm weapons

by Beth Fukumoto
AP Press Writer

HONOLULU — President George W. Bush went before the United Nations General Assembly in New York Thursday to ask that Iraq be forced to disarm all of its weapons, which he believes they are planning to use for mass destruction.

"The United Nations was born in the hope that survived a world war - the hope of a world moving toward justice, escaping old patterns of conflict and fear," said Bush. He added, "The founding members resolved that the peace of the world must never again be destroyed by the will and wickedness of any man."

The U.N. was founded Oct. 24, 1945, by 51 countries. Today, 189 countries are members of the U.N. The president recalled the Gulf War and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. He said Iraq would have continued the aggressive behavior if the U.N. had not stopped him.

Bush began his case for war with, "By breaking every pledge — by his deceptions, and by his cruelties — Saddam Hussein has made the case against himself."

He mentioned the U.N. Commission on Human Rights' findings last year that the Iraqi government continues to commit violations of human rights. He accused Iraq of holding prisoners from other countries, including an American pilot who is missing.

Bush furthered his case by adding, "Iraq continues to shelter and support terrorist organizations that direct violence against Iran, Israel and Western governments ... And al Qaeda terrorists escaped from Afghanistan and are known to be in Iraq."

In a final push for action, Bush said, "Iraq continues to withhold important information about its nuclear weapons program ... Iraq employs capable nuclear scientists and technicians. It retains physical infrastructure needed to build a nuclear weapon. Iraq has made several attempts to buy high-strength aluminum tubes used to enrich uranium for a nuclear weapon." He added that if Iraq was able to obtain fissle material, it would have nuclear capability within a year.

Iraqi Foreign Minister, Naji Sabri, will take Iraq's case to the U.N. Friday. In an interview with CNN, Sabri said, "Iraq is the victim of these threats. We have done nothing to provoke the United States; we have done ... no harm whatsoever to American interests. These are rumors that have been created by the extremist elements, extremist persons in the U.S. administration against Iraq."

According to U.N. regulations, action against Iraq must be approved by nine 'yes' votes from the Security Council, which includes China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States and 10 other non-permanent members.

Bush said, "If the Iraqi regime wishes peace, it will immediately and unconditionally foreswear, disclose, and remove or destroy all weapons of mass destruction, long-range missiles, and all related material."

"If the Iraqi regime wishes peace, it will immediately end all support for terrorism and act to suppress it, as all states are required to do by U.N. Security Council resolutions."

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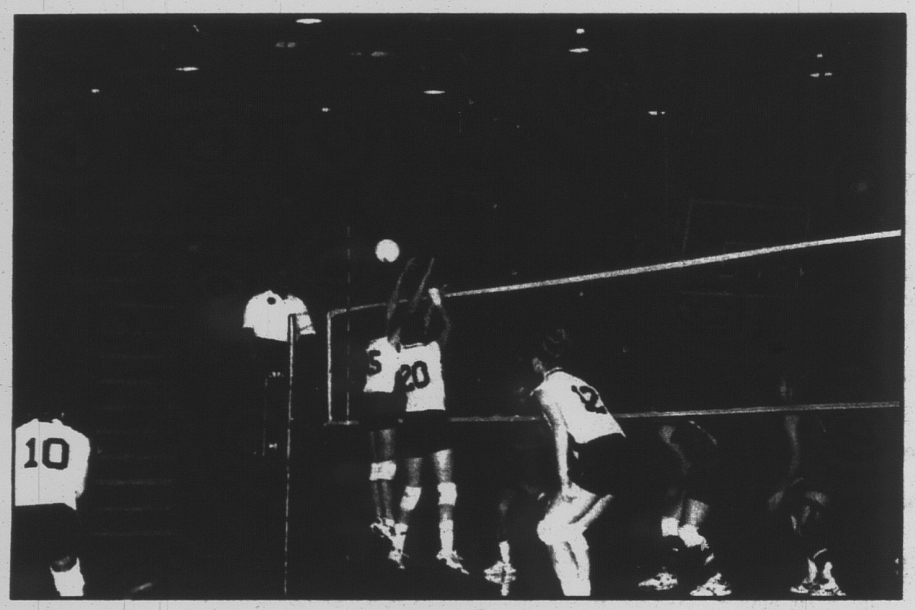

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The volleyball team immproved its record.

Lady Titans improve kill record against Waynesburgh

The Westminster College volleyball team improved its record to 11-5 overall and 1-0 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans posted a 30-21, 30-15, 28-30, 30-28 victory over PAC rival Waynesburg.

Highlighting the win was the performance of senior setter Carolee Reed, who broke the Westminster career assists record in the contest. Reed posted 46 assists in the contest to finish the match with 2,935 career assists, breaking the record of 2,917 set by Wendy Wissinger.

Senior middle hitter Suzanne Fitz and junior outside hitter Diana Barnes each finished with a team-high 14 kills in the win, while senior middle hitter Katie Spehar added nine kills, Barnes collected a team-best 15 digs, followed by junior McKenzi Crowell with 10 digs. Fitz and Spehar each tallied five total blocks, while sophomore Sara Miller added three aces. Kathy Twaddle and Ronnie Jo Meyers led Waynesburg with 15 kills each.

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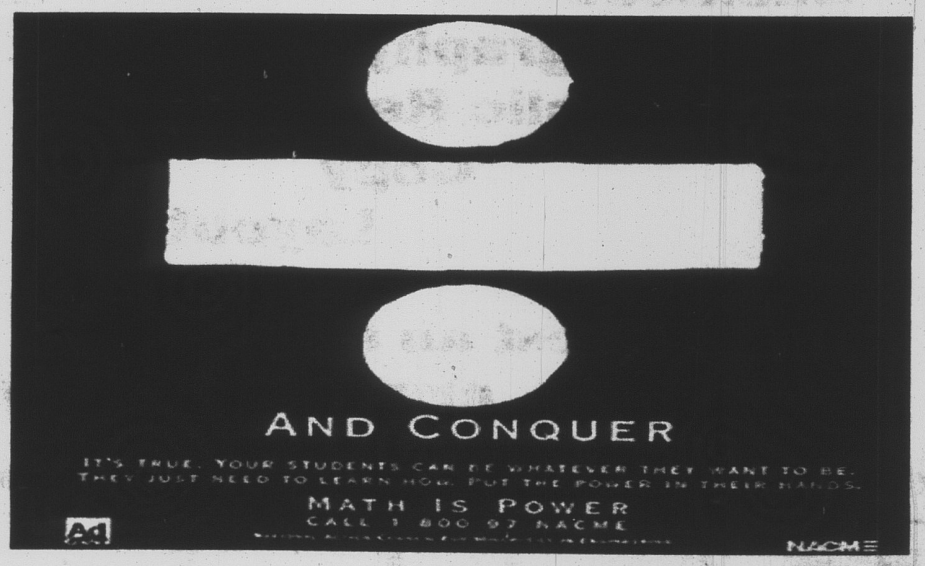
SAAC Athletes of the Week

Matthew Roser:
The Male SAAC Athlete of the Week for the week of September 8-14 is Matthew Roser. Roser, a junior forward, scored two goals to propel the men's soccer team to their first victory of the season, a 3-0 win over LaRoche College.

Anne Muir:
The Female SAAC Athlete of the Week for the week of September 8-14 is Anne Muir. Muir, a senior on the women's tennis team, was victorious twice last week at the #1 singles slot, in a Westminster win over Bethany and a loss to Case Western Reserve. Muir was also a member of the #1 doubles team that won in the match against Bethany.



Sports briefs

Women's tennis still unbeaten.

The Westminster College women's tennis team improved to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition today in Greenville, as the Lady Titan netters posted a 9-0 sweep of Thiel College. Westminster did not lose a set en route to the win.

Three Westminster players posted double wins. Seniors Anne Muir and Suzanne Leyden won at #1 and #2 singles, respectively, while teaming for a victory at #1 doubles. Also, sophomore Bethany Grubbs captured #3 singles and teamed with classmate AmyBrowell at #2 doubles. Also victorious was sophomore Amy Caliguiri at #4, frosh Katie Huber at #5, and junior Daniella DiRupo at #6, as well as the #3 doubles team of senior Molly Householder and junior Meghan Medvick.

The Lady Titan netters are back in action Friday (Sept. 20), as Westminster hosts John Carroll University in a non-conference game in New Wilmington at 3 p.m.

Men's soccer kicks off to a great season

The Titan booters celebrated thier home opener by posting a 3-0 non-conference win over visiting La Roche College

The two teams played a scoreless first half. Westminster finally broke the scoring drought four minutes into the second half, as sophomore midfielder John Booth scored off an assit by senior midfielder Tony Arrigo for a 1-0 titan lead. The WC booters then put the game away late with a pair of goals by junior forward Matthew Roser in the 79th and 87th minutes, with the first assisted by senior forward Pasquale Reino.

Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston went the distance in goal, making four saves to earn his second shutout of the season. Westminster outshot La Roche 28-8 in the contest and held a 3-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Men's soccer team improves record

The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 2-3-2 overall and 1-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight in Washington, Pa., as the Titan booters celebrated their PAC opener by posting a 1-0 double-overtime win over host Washington & Jefferson College.

Westminster played a man up most of the game and two men up for the final 30 minutes of regulation and all of overtime, due to a pair of W&J players earning red cards. However, the Titans would not dent the scoring column until the 104th minute in the second OT period, as sophomore defender Chris Castillo (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) headed in the game winner off a corner by sophomore midfielder Mike Arrigo (Pittsburgh/Plum H.S.), who was credited with the assist.

Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) went the distance in goal making six saves for his thrid shutout of the season. Westminster outshot W&J 27-11 and held an 8-6 advantage in corner kicks in the contest.

The Titan booters are back in action this Sunday, Sept. 22, as Westminster travels to Greenville to face PAC rival Thiel College at 2 p.m.

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

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Is it weird if someone comes and sits in your dorm room for 9 hours and doesn't move or speak?

Beware the lurking variable!

It's wierd!

Does SGA do anything for this campus?

My neighbors don't get the concept of Quiet Hours!

I wish the Galbreth laundry signup sheet for Sunday would go up before Monday!

Hi :)

I found $20.00 at the Down Under! Yeah!

Who were those crazy dudes at the volleyball game?

Why do I lose my appetite when I come to the cafeteria?

Star Wars Ownz!

Clean South 4 EVA!

Don't try to jump over the creek, especially if you like your shoes.

After I pour the salt on the hair it will turn purple...BANG!

-Look at the squirrels!
-I call the big one "Bitey"

The Jade Monkey is a hunk!

I hate you Walt freakin' Whitman!

Those Geese sure do poop a lot.

What's wrong with having long hair and a beard?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: College Identities

Defining one's identity through one's major seems to be a trend among college students. "Oh he's got it easy because he's an art major." "She must be smart, she's a physics major." "Computer science majors live on coffee and Mountain Dew." Think about how often you have described someone by the classes he or she is taking. Stereotypes or archetypes, whatever you want to call them, students generally fit into their major's mold.

College should be a time when young men and women question who they are and who they want to be. Just one more step in the process of growing up, a process that never really ends. Choosing a major gives students the basis for an identity. "I am a —whatever— major." It also gives them a community to belong to, a department to fit into. You get to know the professors in your particular department, especially in a school the size of Westminster, and you get into a routine within that department—a mindset.

Sometimes majors are slightly exclusive in their views of other majors—science is objective and therefore more "real" than the subjective arts and humanities, philosophy deals with the "important" matters of thought and "reality", and the study of history lets us know where we are and how we got here. This eventually leaks over into views of other students—"He's not doing real work. Her classes can't be nearly as difficult as mine."

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Pride in your chosen field of study can be a good thing, but not when it becomes elitist. When you find yourself slipping into the mindset of us versus them, remember a few things:

For one thing, we are more than the sum of our classes. Everyone comes from different backgrounds and roots and these effect who a person is more so than their choice of major.

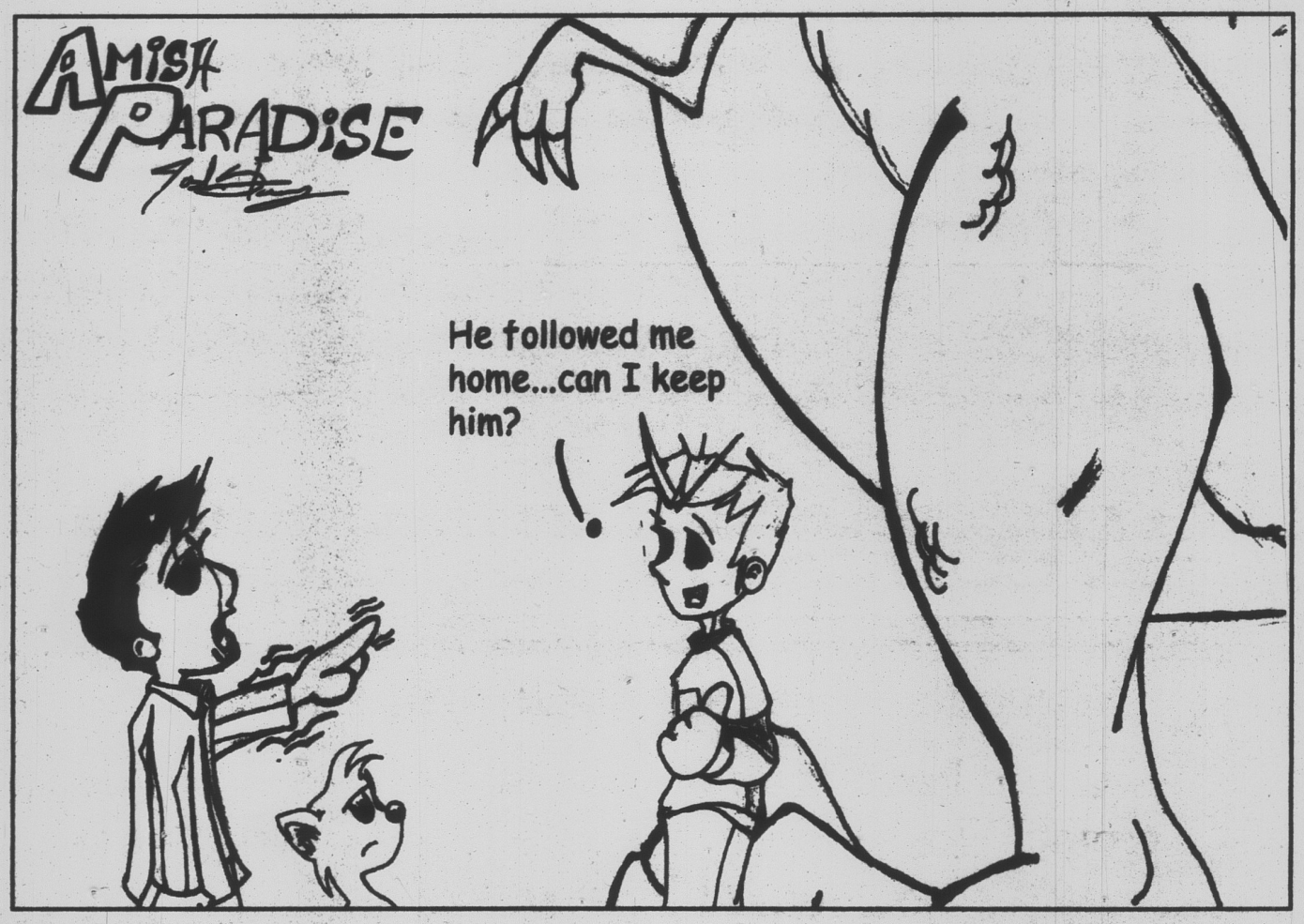
Stereotypes are generally considered a bad thing simply because they generalize a large group of people. Even within a discipline there is a wide variety of people and personalities. Not everyone fits the preconcieved notions of say a "neuroscience major." Everyone is different. Teachers and sociologists have been telling people that since who knows when.

The final thing to remember is this--when you define someone with a word or two, such as an "el. ed. major," and leave it at that, then you are excluding an enourmous portion of that person and narrowing him/her down to one facit of their life.

If you had to describe a vegetable, say carrots, and all you said was "They're orange" you would be dismissing everything else that a carrot is.

People are not carrots, and majors are not identities.

Try to look at a person as a whole, not just the classes he or she decides to take.



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College graduates face limited jobs

by Sarah Gustavus
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas — Recent college graduates are facing a world of employment that is not as hopeful and promising as the conditions that graduates could expect five years ago. Consequently, it comes as no surprise that more graduating seniors are opting to remain in the educational womb a little bit longer and pursue a master's, doctoral or professional degree.

Gone are the days when an undergraduate degree from a respectable institution of higher learning like the University of Texas-Austin would almost guarantee a recent graduate a good job. This is because more Americans are at least getting a bachelor's degree.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, under the U.S. Department of Education, "the number of bachelor's degrees increased from 979,477 in 1984-85 to an estimated 1,175,000 in 1997-98, an increase of 20 percent." The Center for Education Statistics also projects that the number of bachelor's degrees awarded annually will continue to rise.

Since bachelor's degrees are becoming more common, many individuals are seeking additional degrees to increase their earning potential. As reasonably expected, obtaining a master's seems to pay off. The statistics cited by Council of Graduate Schools in the August-September issue of its publication, The Communicator, indicate that, "Master's degree recipients, on average, earn about $10,000 per year more than bachelor's degree recipients, an increase of 19 percent in annual income."

The financial rewards for individuals who want to pursue careers that require a doctoral or professional degree are even greater than those individuals who only hold a bachelor's degree. According to data collected by the Bureau of the Census in a current population survey, cited in the same issue of The Communicator, "Doctorate recipients earn 43 percent more than master's degree recipients and 71 percent more than bachelor's degree recipients." Also, "Professional degree recipients earn on average the highest salaries, 23 percent more than doctoral recipients and more than twice as much as bachelor's degree recipients." Professional degrees include medicine and law, and according to the Law School Admission Council, law school applications were definitely on the rise in 2001. Many graduates want to give themselves an educational advantage when they do pursue a career.

However, the decision to continue one's education does come with a pretty hefty price tag. According to the Council of Graduate Schools, in the June 2002 edition of The Communicator, "the average education-related debt is $24,500 for master's students and $36,300 for doctoral students." This can be compared to just 10 years ago when, "in 1993, the average amount of debt was $10,200 for master's students and $16,800 for doctoral students."

Graduate students today have to make a financial sacrifice to earn their degrees. After earning a master's or doctoral degree, a commitment to delayed gratification is necessary because a significant portion of an improved annual salary will go toward paying off student loans.

The economic boom of the 1990s may have lulled college students into believing that we deserve our pick of the best jobs with our nifty undergraduate degrees, but the search for a job after college might seem more difficult because the job market has returned to a more normal state.

Although the statistics indicate that obtaining a graduate degree will increase earnings, it is no guarantee that a job will be easy to obtain. Since more Americans are obtaining undergraduate degrees, a graduate degree is merely an edge over other potential employees.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Biz and Jenna at the Movies

XXX
Jenna Chesky

Every now and then, I need to bypass the chick flick to see something with more death and destruction. "XXX," directed by Rob Cohen, beckoned me like the little blinking light on a bomb that's about to detonate. Enter Xander Cage (hence the title of the film), played by the up-and-coming good guy with a bad edge, Vin Diesel. A cross between "The Fast and the Furious" and any James Bond movie, "XXX" is high-speed and predictable.

Our hero and some of his super cool friends decide to play an extreme sport with a pricey, stolen car. They do some minor detail work by adding high tech cameras at every angle, which make for a stellar car chase scene. Xander has nowhere to drive but off a bridge. But Don't worry; he just happens to have a parachute strapped to his back.

Meanwhile, the government is hunting for some expendable men to take part in a dangerous mission. Can we all see where this is going? Agent Agustus Gibbons (Samuel L. Jackson) heads the search for the one extreme athlete who can save the world from the evil, diabolical Yorgi (Martin Csokas). Xander is chosen.

After a few tests in which Xander proves his strength, bravery and camaraderie, he's sent undercover to collect information. He discovers unstoppable biochemical warheads pointed at every major city in the world.

Not to worry girls, there is a love story too. Enter Yelena (Asia Argento). The question is, will he live to love her? I have a bad habit of giving too much away, so I'll stop here.

The Good: I was in the mood for destruction, and I got it. Cars blew up, guns fired and people died-James Bond all the way, but with a younger, not-so-suave Bond guy. Also, the leading lady wasn't as annoying.

The Bad: I predicted the end about 15 minutes into the movie. Some of the screenwriting made me cringe. Casting was interesting; there was really no reason for Samuel L. Jackson to play the part that he did. I give him credit though. He made enough appearances to keep his actors equity pay, but not enough to bruise his résumé.

The Bottom Line: All of Xander's many tattoos in the movie were fake. Oh, and wait for the DVD.

XXX and Barbershop

Barbershop
Elizabeth Adams

Barbershop, starring Ice Cube, Eve, Cedric the Entertainer and Sean Patrick Thomas, depicts a day in the life of a South Side Chicago barbershop. The shop is owned by Calvin (Ice Cube), who inherited the business that has been in his family for over forty years. With a pregnant wife and lots of debt, Calvin decides to sell the barber shop to a local loan shark (Keith David) within the first twenty minutes of the movie and spends the remaining time trying to get it back.

This is a movie about people. Roger Ebert said Barbershop was a "Talk show and everyone is the host." Every character has about the same amount of lines, so the plot is spread evenly, maybe thinly, throughout the movie. Cedric the Entertainer is the veteran barber of the shop who offers solace, advice and some interesting takes on African American history to anyone who will listen. And everyone does, including the younger generation of barbers, played by Thomas, Troy Garity and Eve. Eve's character, Terri Jones, is endearing: a young woman trying to break up with a bad boyfriend who does not see the possibilities of happiness right in front of her.

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Barbershop: Out of the three movies I have reviewed thus far...Barbershop is the clear winner.

Production designer Roger Fortune designed the actual barbershop, a worn but inviting place virtually unchanged since it opened. The shop is actually modeled after Terrell's Afro Barber Shop on Chicago's North Side and the Victory Barber Shop in Harlem.

Problems with this movie: There an inane side story about two kids, played by Anthony Anderson and Lahmard Tate, who steal an ATM machine. They conspicuously attempt to move it around the neighborhood and end up injuring each other with it as they go along. These scenes got old really fast, but ended up playing a key role in the end of the movie.

Good things about this movie: Some people I really like are in it: Cedric the Entertainer, Ice Cube and Sean Patrick Thomas. And they all play fun, fairly believable characters well.

The film is directed by Tim Story, who also directed One of Us Tripped (1997), which I had never seen nor heard of until researching for this review. Screenplay-writer Mark Brown, the man responsible for How to Be a Player, Don Scott and Marshall Todd wrote Barbershop. I don't know why it took three people, but it did.

According to CNN's scrolling news, this movie was number one at the box office last week, raking in about $21 million, which is impressive. Out of the three movies I have reviewed thus far, including Simone and SwimFan, Barbershop is the clear winner. But it still gets a B.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame brings back music of yesterday

Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

If you read my article last week about the television show, "American Idol," you might have realized my admiration for musicians. Being a musician myself, I know that you must have an inborn desire and talent to commit yourself to a music career. It's tough work that not everyone can accomplish as easily as Michael Jackson, Elton John, Aerosmith or the Eagles. I think that most of us would agree that Kelly Clarkson, American Idol winner, has the inborn talent. But does she have the drive to end up in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio is the home to artifacts, instruments, handwritten lyrics, pictures and clothing from over 190 performers (individual and group) and sidemen of the music business. In 2002, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inducted performers including Brenda Lee, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Gene Pitney, Isaac Hayes, Talking Heads and the Ramones. Sidemen Chet Atkins and Jim Stewart also were recently added to the list.

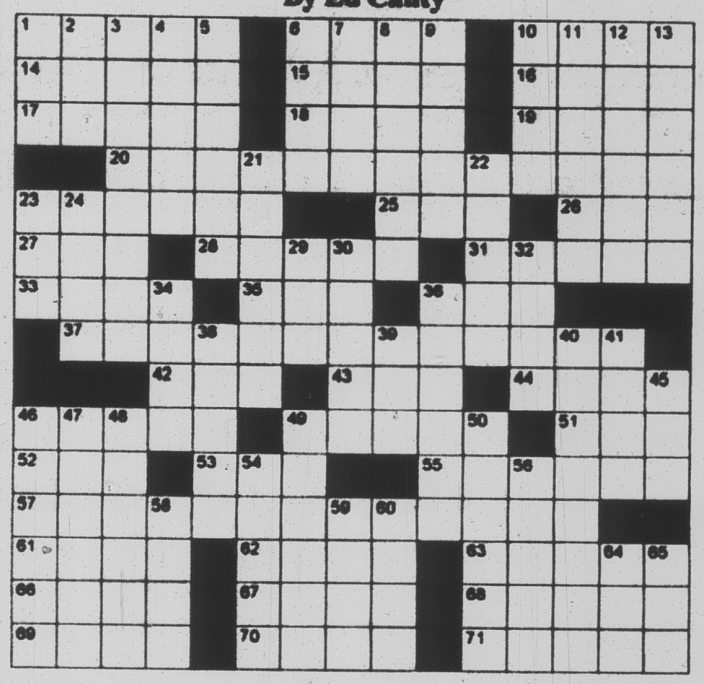
Within this fantasy music land, there is a computerized list of rock and roll's most influential songs. It begins with AC/DC's "Back in Black" and ends with ZZ Top's "Legs."

Throughout 2002, John Lennon's life and work will be the featured exhibit. He is being recognized for his life with and without the Beatles. A commemorative book titled, "Lennon: His Life and His Work," which embodies the exhibit, is available at the museum. It includes essays from Lennon's wife Yoko Ono and Jim Henke, the Rock Hall's vice president. A past exhibit called "Rock Style" displayed the clothing of numerous influential musicians. "Roots, Rhyme and Rage" was dedicated to the hip-hop world, featuring performers such as Grandmaster Flash, DJ Cool Herc and recent stars such as Puff Daddy (now known as P Diddy) and Missy Elliot. "Bang Your Head" was an exhibit that recognized rock stars such as AC/DC, Motley Crue, Metallica and Twisted Sister. Elvis and former Beatle Stuart Sutcliffe also had exhibits.

The Rock Hall is only a two-hour drive from Westminster. Why not pick a weekend, head out to the Hard Rock Café for lunch and spend a lovely afternoon amongst rock and roll's finest? For more information on The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, visit www.rockhall.com.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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38 Keepsake
39 Pale
40 Mortician
41 Colorful horse
45 Gangster's pistol
46 Layoff again
47 Sidestepped
48 Scooped out the water
49 Price or market lead in
50 Weightlift movement
54 Wheelbarrows
56 Plant life
58 Count on
59 Canadian native american
60 A bunch of cattle
64 Prohibit
65 Comes before cap or dive

Quotable Quote

A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.

• • •*Robert Frost*

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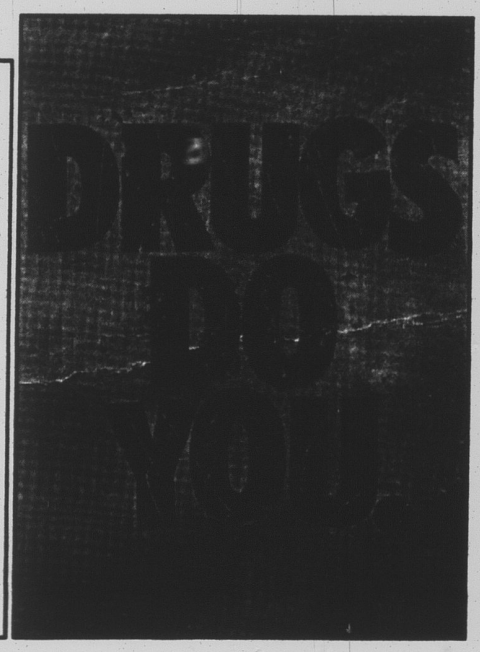

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

It's a great week to improve relationships, particularly within the family. This may be the opportune time to reach out to someone who looks up to you, possibly a child. Be alert to all money opportunities, postponing any major decisions for now.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

You are looking and feeling your best, so use this positive energy to your advantage - get out and accomplish things. Communications with others go well - you are a mind-reader with all around you. Tensions elsewhere may find you taking it out on a loved one.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Make it a point of getting chores and errands out of the way earlier, because it looks like rest, relaxation and partying is in store for later. Be aware of the helpful insights surrounding you, rapid advancement at work may be a result of heeding suggestions.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Personal financial planning is favored. Your intuition is sharpened concerning money matters. You may run into an intense blow-out with a mate or lover - keep your cool, things will straighten out rather quickly. Spend some time by yourself.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

It will be a busy week for you. Hard work on your part will bring you closer to your career and personal goals. Be supportive of family members, someone is going through a tough time. Resolve financial concerns you have now, before things get out of hand.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

You are eager to help out wherever needed, but avoid those who manipulate your actions. Be sure that your efforts go to a good cause. Enjoy a break from the routine for a couple days. Luck will find you with extra dollars you weren't expecting at all.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

You are ready to conquer any obstacles this week. It may not be a bad idea to spend some time alone, because your criticisms of others may get you in deep water. It's hard to concentrate, and daydreaming won't hurt - unconscious messages have practical value.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

This week finds you in tune with your lover or mate, which makes for great fun and accomplishments for the next several days. It looks quite favorable for you to move closer to your goals. If people at work don't argue with you, they will argue around you- keep a low profile.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

You need to get away from your hectic routine to be alone with your thoughts. Be confident of success in business dealings. Avoid any unpleasant financial surprises by going over matters to clear up any discrepancies. You can reach a meeting of minds with opponents.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

A friend challenges you to break out of your shell and promote yourself for advancement. Maybe it's time - trust yourself and you'll be happier in the long run. A great career opportunity presents itself, and you'll move ahead without upsetting anyone.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

It's hard to avoid confrontations. Someone you have recently befriended may turn on you. It'll be better to remain silent than be drawn into unnecessary arguments. Travel is favored for the next several weeks. If involved in litigation, expect to win.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Career advancement seems effortless, so pursue your most cherished goal. Co-workers will welcome your great ideas. It may be a good idea to spend a little bit of time on your own, getting back in touch with yourself. Resolve differences that are putting distance between you and a loved one.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You usually prefer to follow the logical path rather than trusting your intuition. However, your intuition can enhance your accuracy about situations when you team it with reason. Whether you admit it or not, you have experienced intense psychic moments, which may make you a bit uneasy.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week: Life and Times of Peasner the Weasel

The following story was a collaborative effort by random students and staff roaming around campus. Each person added a sentence or two to create the tale of the mysterious weasel named Peasner and his owner Bob. This is purely a work of collaborative fiction. Minor edits were made for content. -The Editors

There once was a man named Bob... *(Anneliese Schwartzmiller, freshman)* who had a weasel named Peasner. *(Sara Kimbell, junior)* And like all good weasels, this one had a green thumb. *(Ben Robbins, senior)* The weasel was schizophrenic... *(Lenora Atakulu, freshman)* And developed a mad addiction to oxycontin. *(Marshall Campbell, senior)* Peasner would run around in circles until he made himself dizzy. *(Ashley Thompson, freshman)* He would fall down, get back up and do it again. *(Joy Kelewae, senior)*

One morning, after a mad hangover, Peasner decided he had enough of the binging life and decided to become a Catholic priest. *(Justin Kurtz, senior)* He preached about his old habits and praised chasing squirrels. *(Adam Hadbavny, freshman)* Then he discovered heroine and PCP and went crazy again. *(James Brezel, junior)*

Luckily, he realized it was all a bad dream and continued his life helping to feed the homeless. *(Kathleen Kyle, Galbreath Residence Director)* However, it was quite hard to feed the homeless without hands (weasels have paws), but Peasner did the best he could. *(Jeremy Baker, sophomore)*

Then poor Peasner fell into a pot of soup that was being served to the homeless people on his birthday and died causing great sadness to fall over the homeless community. *(Amber Bickhart, sophomore)*

But Bob, who knew of the advanced cloning technologies discovered on the planet Krypton, found a piece of Peasner in the soup and was able to clone a more evolved version of Peasner the Weasel. *(Daphne Cortes, sophomore)*

Now Peasner has arms and legs and is quite scary looking. *(Jimm Needle, 4th year freshman)*

Janitors: The underestimated force at WC

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

I have heard umpteen-million ghost tales concerning McGill Library. So when I walked past late Friday night I was a little aroused to see several sets of lights on and to hear the busy buzzing of a vacuum cleaner. After assessing the situation, I calmly came to my senses realizing that although the library was not possessed with spirits that night, a definite underestimated force at Westminster was involved.

We might call Westminster our home, but we still have that real home we go back to. In most situations, we don't worry about the mopping, the dusting and the awful toilet scrubbing. We haven't yet reached that stage in our lives. Yet the house is (normally) clean, the vacuuming gets done and we sit down on a clean toilet. I personally have the attitude that it is simply not my job. I was never given chores so I never felt the need to do house cleaning. My father had very particular methods of completing housework so I stayed out of his way...willingly.

Until my Friday night run in with the mysterious vacuum vibrations, I never really understood my naïve, underestimated appreciation for what the janitorial occupation really does for the student body. We come into their building and leave messes for them to pick up, draw together garbage for them to carry out, create unpleasant art in the bathrooms, but how many times do we say thank you? Does it even cross our minds to thank those that clean the smears from the mirrors for a proper check out before leaving the building? Do we notice the Ramen Noodles from the sink that find a new home in a warm, germ plagued garbage can? Do cigarette butts miraculously find their way into ashtrays? Are any of us up early enough to see the magic occur?

Yes, I know that their paycheck signifies the obligation of laundering after our messes but man, I would never be able to do it. It is hard enough for me to clean up after myself let alone a building full of say-hi-acquaintances. Regardless, they still put up with us and show up every morning before the sun shows her face to make sure we have a clean environment to live in.

Somewhere, I think in one of those annoying chain e-mails that give you 18 years bad luck if you neglect to forward them, I have read that a professor asked, "What is the name of the janitor from your building," on a graded test. A concerned student was shocked in realizing that he had no idea who the janitor was. The student registered the impact of the question and followed through with what he thought the professor was trying to get across.

Shaw Hall's angel, Pearl, was known through the building for her lunch breaks that consisted of cigarettes and Dr. Pepper. She was always good for a nasty clean up story...and Shaw's smokers were there to hear her vent. Poor Pearl...drunken girls puking out of windows, vomit wallpaper left anonymously in the co-ed bathroom for days...I think she has seen it all!

Tracy, Hillside's Easter Bunny, took the time to papier-mâché each and every resident an Easter basket, left outside the door before break. The speed demon cleaner gets her work done as fast as the floppy eared child icon hops from house to house.

Sharon, my newfound Ferguson friend, discussed the uniqueness of my Cookie Monster blue bathrobe one morning while cleaning the sinks. She said it was unlike any robe she had ever seen. Sharon's quick-to-the-sponge cleaning method makes me wonder if we even get the place dirty enough for her.

This underestimated force at Westminster belongs to those who receive much less credit than is due. This is my thank you for waking up when I go to bed to give us a clean mirrors to look into, vacuumed halls to walk through and as-clean-as-can-be toilets to sit on. I can't imagine what sort of patience it takes to pull this place together making our home away from home look the way it does. Thank you for your time, dedication and willingness to be our moms and dads away from home.

Greetings from Japan: week two

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

Every morning I wake up at seven, fiddle with my Palm Pilot's alarm so it'll be quiet and nap another five or ten minutes. I finally drag myself out of bed and go to the kitchen to check the weather on the television. Usually it's the same graphics of the sun and some kanji (Chinese characters used in the Japanese language) that I can't read. This means it will be hot, I've learned, except when it rains. I get dressed and gather all my things into my backpack (the inclusion of the laptop makes it quite heavy), and leave the apartment by 7:30.

The CD I made to listen to as I walk to school starts out quietly, so when I'm putting my shoes on at the door and leaving, there isn't loud music blaring from my headphones. I'm always afraid of waking up my roommate, Tavya. She and I share the tatami mat room. It's very traditional, but lacks the air conditioning of the kitchen and western-style bedrooms that Kathleen and Natalie have.

The walk to school is long and hot, but I've found that walking early in the morning is preferable, since it's not nearly as hot as it will be around ten. I take a quick shortcut through the bus stop to avoid walking along the main road at a really treacherous corner. After that, it's just one long stretch of a very wide sidewalk set aside for cyclists and pedestrians.

Arriving at the gate means a quick "Ohayou gozaimasu" to the guards, and then another fifteen minute walk to the main campus. For some reason, this gate is the farthest from any useful place on campus, but it's the closest gate to the dorms. The cobblestone walkways are still drying from being cleaned that morning and a few lone staffers are sweeping up stray leaves.

The other guard is stationed at the bicycle lot, making sure all the bikes are parked and tagged appropriately. If students ride a bike to school and want to park it on campus, they are required to buy a sticker from the school to mark their bikes. Sound familiar?

The entire campus is cleaned every single day. At any point during the morning, staff can be found scrubbing the cobblestones (the entire campus is paved over, seriously) and the stairways. The elevators move smoothly, and are always immaculate. The walls of the elevators are covered with a sort of felt that's easy to remove for daily cleaning, and the floor is made of a sort of Astroturf.

As clean as the campus is, it doesn't help when the students come pouring in. It's an entirely new experience to walk to McDonald's, surrounded by constant chatter, and not be able to understand a single word of it. All the students are incredibly nice, and more than willing to introduce themselves. However, I'm still getting over my initial fear of saying "Hajimemashite, watashi wa Carolyn desu."

HEALTH

Get vaccinated: students fight against meningitis

by McKenzie Crowell
Staff Writer

Most students shrug off flu-like symptoms. After all, everyone gets sick. But what if it's not just the flu?

According to the Meningitis Foundation of America, bacterial meningitis strikes 3,000 Americans annually, with almost 125 cases occurring on college campuses. This rare but potentially fatal disease spreads through air droplets and close contact with infected people. Symptoms range from fever and headache to stiff neck and rashes.

Early detection is critical since the disease can progress within hours of the first symptoms. Although the risk of death from meningitis is relatively low, survivors can suffer from a variety of long-term effects, including hearing loss, mental retardation and paralysis. Certain people are at a higher risk of infection. College freshman are six times as likely to contract the disease.

"I am glad I received the shot," freshman Megan Wert said. "Since we travel so much for volleyball, we come in contact with a lot of people, and meningitis is just one less thing I have to worry about."

For years, many incoming freshman voluntarily received the vaccine, but this year is different. In August, a Pennsylvania state law passed stating that all students living in campus housing must be vaccinated unless they sign a waiver. The vaccine, which fights four kinds of bacteria, lasts up to five years and is 85 percent to 100 percent effective.

"Since I live in the same town as someone who died from the disease last year, I think making the shot mandatory is a good idea that benefits everyone," freshman Candice Anderson said.

On August 28 when the student health center offered immunizations, 109 students received the shot. Any student in need of the vaccination can call the health center for more information.

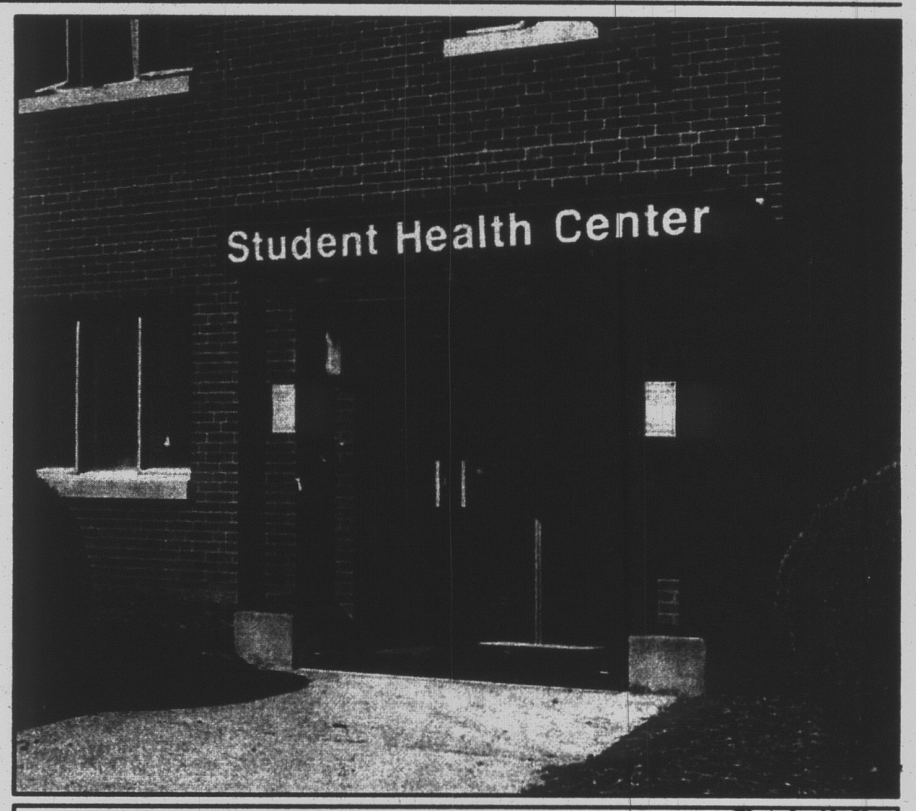

Photo by Aly Karg
The Health Center located in Shaw residence hall.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 20
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:00 p.m. W Tennis vs. John Carroll (H)
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting - TC 315
7:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-Thon - Chapel and Quad

SATURDAY 21
M&W Cross Country @Allegheny Invitational
7:30 a.m. All Day PRAXIS (National Teacher Exams) - Patterson Hall
10:00 a.m. M Golf @ Malone Invitational
1:00 p.m. Football @ Mansfield University
2:00 p.m. W Soccer vs. Heidelberg (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY 22
1:00 p.m. M Golf @ Malone Invitational
2:00 p.m. M Soccer @ Thiel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - PH 114
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

MONDAY 23
11:40 a.m. Chapel
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Edinboro (H)
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Initiation - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 24
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting - OM 307
3:00 p.m. W Tennis @ Waynesburg
4:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Geneva
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting - HSC 150
5:30 p.m. Career Center Senior Seminar - Russell Dining Room
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival: Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown - Down Under
8:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party Ferguson Chapter Suite

WEDNESDAY 25
11:30 A.M. Faculty Forum: Bethany Hicok, "Ordering "a box of mani acs": Contexts of Desire in the Work of Sylvia Plath" - PH 311
4:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Grove City (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips
7:00 p.m. Phi Mu Recruitment Party - Ferguson Lobby
8:00 p.m. Diversity Symposium Special Speaker: Native American Scott Momaday, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and Poet - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Outdoor & Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 26
3:00 p.m. W Tennis @ Hiram
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting - PH 231
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Thiel
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Stargazing - HSC

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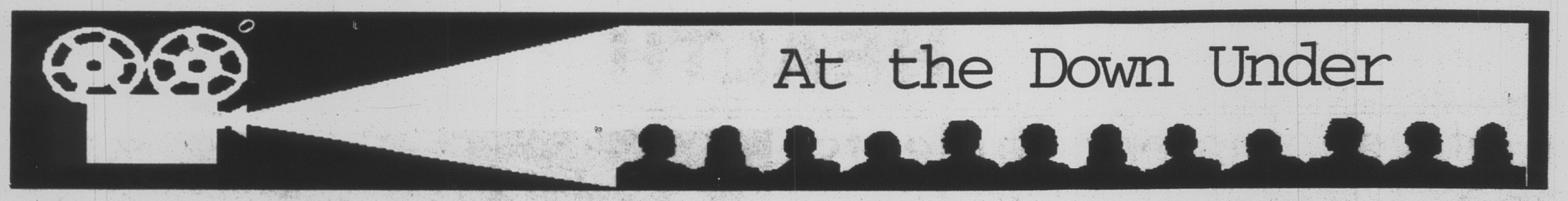
NOTE: Glorious, Grand,...Tried and True, a cookbook featuring over 550 recipes from the Westminster community, is available for $10 at the Westminster College Bookstore. To order the cookbook or other sesquicentennial merchandise online visit, ww.westminster.edu/150.

Alpha Phi Omega Quad-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20. Meet in the chapel at 7 p.m. and bring boxes and warm clothing.

The Westminster College Foreign Film Festival continues Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Down Under. Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, a Spanish film directed by Pedro Almod, is a comedy about a soap opera actress who gets dumped by her boyfriend over an answering machine. The film is filled with colorful supporting characters, including the very young-looking Antonio Banderas.

All Campus Art Exhibit is planned in October. This is the time for Westminster employees to share their talents. Employees are asked to submit one piece with instructions on how to hang or display the work; have a name and phone number attached to the back of the piece; and deliver it to the Gallery either Monday, Sept. 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9-11 a.m.



FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Event: Movie	Event: Movie
Time: 8 p.m.	Time: 8 p.m.
Title: The Score	Title: The Score

SUNDAY

Time: 9 p.m.

Event: Movie - The Score

Additional Information: Free Popcorn and Pop

WEEKLY EVENTS

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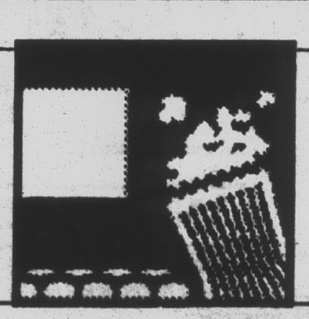
Tuesday Night at the Movies	Each Tuesday at 10 pm



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Event: Craig Karges - Psychic Magician	Day and Time: Oct 11 @ 8 p.m.
Event: Michael Dean Ester - Comic	Day and Time: Oct 26 @ 8 p.m.
Event: Murder Mystery - Russell	Day and Time: Nov. 15 @ 5:30 p.m

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Fall retreat tradition continues

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

The Chapel's Fall Retreat is one of the many of the activities at Westminster that is based on tradition.

Each year, the Chapel Office, led by Chaplain Steve Allen, and Titan Traverse, under Joy Barron, come together to provide a weekend of serious playtime with nature, as well as time for spiritual growth.

"It is one of the best events that happens for students at WC," said Assistant Chaplain Katurah Laney.

This fall, thirty students, plus facilitators, will have the opportunity to travel north to Allegheny National Forest in McKean County. The group will leave on Friday, October 4, and return to Westminster on Sunday afternoon.

Titan Traverse will provide all of the necessary equipment and no experience is crucial to participation. Learning is one factor the trip focuses on.

As with previous trips, students will separate into groups for the weekend. On the last retreat, students were split up according to who wanted to explore caves or rock climb. This year, students will be divided by gender - the men will spend their time canoeing, while the women go rock climbing. Both groups will be spending their nights camping in tents.

"I was in the group that went caving last year. Nothing beats hide and seek in the dark," said sophomore Ange Pontorero. "I got dirty, I learned a lot, and it was also a great time to grow spiritually. I'm hoping to go again this year."

Interest in Greek life declines

by Rachel Lange
Staff Writer

With fraternity and sorority members proudly displaying their letters, posting colorful signs and chalking the sidewalks, it is difficult for students not to notice campus Greek life. Westminster is home to ten very different social fraternities and sororities, but Westminster is not a mainly Greek school. The Greeks count for about 48% of the population. Over the past few years, interest in the Greek community has declined.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne has records that show in the spring of 1997, 55% of the 1270 students enrolled were Greek. In the spring of 2000, the number of students remained steady, but the Greek community was at 51%. In the spring of 2001, 1306 students were enrolled, and only 48.7% were Greek. The following spring, 48.4% of 1303 students were Greek.

Because of the decreasing interest in the Greek community, sororities were forced to lower quota. Quota is the number of women a sorority must pick up each spring to replace their graduating class, keeping their numbers fixed. In spring of 2000, for each sorority to "make quota" it had to pick up 17 women. Last spring, the quota dropped to 13.

Students have varying opinions as to why interest may have waned. Abby Sumpter, sophomore member of Phi Mu, believes that movies projecting negative images of Greeks may have influenced students' perceptions. Movies such as Animal House and Sorority Girls Gone Wild emphasize drunken parties, hazing and indecent exposure, giving prospective members the wrong impression of Greek life. "People think sororities and fraternities have a stereotype," Sumpter explains. "No matter how they try, people still have that stereotype in their heads."

Contributed Photo

Ferguson Residence Hall is home to Greek females.

Bobby Fisher, a senior at Sigma Phi Epsilon, said there is "a stigma that goes along with it that you are buying friends."

Students experience many conflicting feelings when deciding whether or not to become part of the Greek community. Some are concerned with the time and money involved; others worry it will interfere with academic performance. Still others are wary of the reputation they may gain by pledging. Students want to remain loyal to their friends as well. Sophomore Matt Davis decided to pledge for Sigma Nu because most of his friends joined.

But despite the apparent decline in interest, most students who do end up "going Greek" are glad they did.

Alpha Gamma Deltas Sarah Jones and Natalie Krivonik said it is a great experience to be part of a sorority.

"I love the girls in Sigma Kappa," said junior Christy Atkins, vice-president of her sorority's Alumni Relations. "They are really great!"

Camille Hawthorne, advisor for the sororities of Westminster, believes the benefits of membership go beyond college, providing students with invaluable leadership and social skills. She said that joining a sorority "helps you develop skills because you work within a group to get things done."

The Greeks are very excited to see what this year will bring. "Our numbers were low last fall, but this year is looking up," said junior Sean Taylor, the scholarship chairman of Theta Chi. "We picked up five sophomores and two juniors this fall."

Kappa Delta was thrilled when over 60 women attended their rush party Tuesday.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Graduate school advice available for students

by Craig Rechichar
Staff Writer

For some students, the next step in their educational lives is graduate school. Students are advised to begin thinking about graduate studies as they near completion of fall semester their junior year. Most applicants start researching areas of interest, schools and programs six months before they apply. Along with these time-consuming tasks, they must register and prepare for the graduate admission tests.

"I wish that I would have started looking into grad school earlier because now, if I do decide on attending, I will be rushed in my decision-making," senior Todd Lepovsky said.

You can obtain information about the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and the TOEFL examinations in the Career Center. The GRE consists of Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing. The TOEFL is an information bulletin for computer-based and supplemental paper-based testing. You can access additional information about these tests online at www.gre.org or at www.toefl.org.

It is wise to start getting letters of recommendation and to start sending your applications one year before beginning your post-graduate studies. The sooner you send your applications, the less stressful the process will be. The FAFSA form, as well as the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE must be completed during your final undergraduate semester.

If you follow this timetable, you will be able to make your decision spring semester of your senior year. First, check with all the schools that interest you and make sure that your file is complete by the deadline. Visit the schools that accepted you and then send a deposit to the school that you choose. Notify the other colleges of your decision so they can admit students on their waiting lists. It would also be a nice gesture to send thank you notes to those who wrote your recommendation letters.

For more information on graduate school, contact the Career Center.

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September 17th.

Marissa Betters, president of Zeta Tau Alpha, thinks recruitment is a great way for students to get to know each other. "I think its important for any girl planning on going through formal recruitment to go to at least one informal party per sorority, so that she can get a feel for where she fits in best," she said.

"My mom told me to at least rush, but I figure I'll probably pledge," said first year Cate Holder.

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Extra Internet installation fee explained

by Bob Allen
Staff Writer

Information Systems uses the vendor Symantec, which provides the Norton Anti-Virus Software that students must install on their PCs. Students must pay 13 dollars to set up the software in addition to a 150-dollar Infotech fee.

An e-mail was sent out to students from Information Systems explaining the reasoning behind this extra fee. The notice explains that the 150-dollar Infotech charge helps fund the basic technology infrastructure such as the network backbone and servers. The fee basically covers any college owned network resources the students enjoy.

The extra fee covers the students' own personal cost for their PC. Each student who hooks up to the Internet is required to purchase the anti-virus software. If a student does not bring a computer to Westminster than there is no reason for them to purchase the self connect kit. This is why the fee is not included in the Infotech charge.

"When a student purchases the connect kit they are paying for the anti virus software license for that year," said Stanton Fleming from Information Systems.

The virus software helps prevent the loss or corruption of students' files and the spreading of viruses to other PCs.

"We just want to make sure everyone is protected," Fleming said. "We aren't trying to soak everyone."

This system may have prevented disaster last year from a bug called the Nimda Virus. It spread through campus networks all over the country shutting down some networks for up to four days.

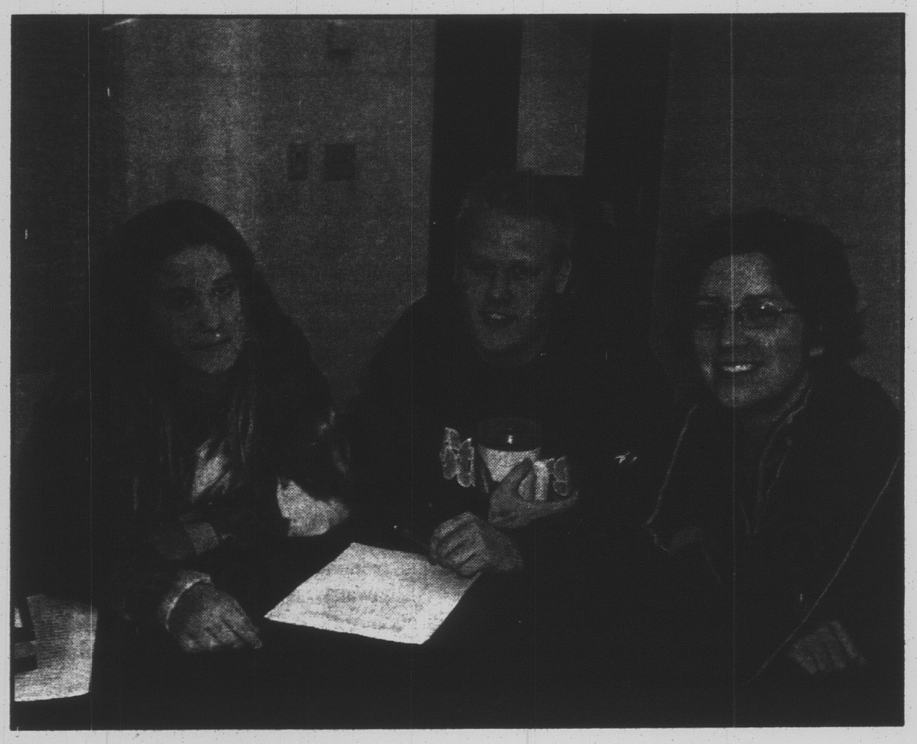
"I doubt anyone likes paying an extra thirteen dollars but when you realize what some of these viruses could do to the network it doesn't seem so bad," said sophomore Kauleen Cloutier.

Not all students, however, agree with the extra charge.

"I don't see the value of us paying extra money when the Infotech fee we already pay only gets us service that is barely adequate," said junior Drew Huston.

"We just want to make sure the network is up for everyone when they need it," said Fleming.

Scrawl seeks creative student writers



by Joanna Badger
Staff Writer

"Scrawl," the Westminster College literary magazine, is looking for creative individuals to submit their own poetry, prose and artwork for the 2003 edition.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to either work for a publication or to get their work published," "Scrawl" editor Lee Fetters said.

The "Scrawl" selection committee will review the submissions. Some pieces will then be critiqued and returned to the individual with suggestions for revision.

"We are currently deciding upon a date for the critiquing stage; it will be before Christmas break," says Fetters. "I think this first deadline and the revising stage allow students to look at their work from a reader's perspective and then better that work."

Students who do not want to submit work but want to be involved with the magazine production can also participate. "Scrawl" is in need of more committee members for poetry, prose, artwork or all three. After students submit their writing or artwork, the committee decides which pieces to publish.

"The more opinions and feedback from careful readers the better, especially for the quality of the 'Scrawl,'" Fetters said.

"Scrawl," which is printed annually in the spring, is affiliated with the American Scholastic Press Association, a nationally acclaimed organization. Copies of the magazine will be available mid-semester at the reading, a "Scrawl" sponsored event where student authors can read their work. Those who did not obtain a copy of last year's edition and would like one can contact the editor.

"Scrawl" faculty advisor Dr. David Swerdlow also encourages students to become a part of this publication.

"By working on 'Scrawl' or by submitting to it, students contribute to literature and art's ongoing conversation about what it means to be a human being on earth," Swerdlow said. "How can one look away from that opportunity?"

Anyone interested in having writing or artwork published can submit material to campus mailbox 159, and anyone interested in a committee position can contact Lee Fetters at dswerdlw@westminster.edu.vc

TV provides viewers with escape from reality

by Matt McClelland
Staff Writer

Mimi, Ned Flanders and Joey Tribbiani- if all these names sound familiar to you, you probably watch a lot of television. Many cynics think it's unhealthy to watch too much television, but some students disagree. A recent MSN.com survey revealed that television shows unite the campus, take students' minds off studying and give them cool catch phrases to use the next day in class.

Any discussion of Westminster television-viewing habits will probably include "The Simpsons." Old episodes of "The Simpsons" air weekdays, and new episodes air on Sundays at 8 p.m.

"I like 'The Simpsons' because the humor is socially relevant and it reflects the culture," sophomore Greg Steines said.

"It makes me cry that my roommate has no knowledge of who Homer Simpson is and why he eats donuts," sophomore Kate Duncan said.

"My roommate and I make time every day to sit and watch 'The Simpsons,'" sophomore Pat Dudas said. "I don't see a lot of him, but we really bond when we watch."

Another show that has developed somewhat of a cult following is "Friends."

"Last fall, I don't think my roommate and I missed that show. I hadn't watched it before, and now I have gone so far as to download episodes off the super fast college network," sophomore Russell Good said.

Another campus craze is sophomore Bill Shondelmyer's favorite show, "Sponge Bob Squarepants." According to Shondelmyer, the show is mindless and about nothing, and that is why it is so popular.

Although the school doesn't get channels like MTV and Comedy Central, students still find plenty of programs to watch. No matter what show you tune into every night, chances are, you're not alone.

Students react differently to new fraternity rules

by Erica Tallo
Staff Writer

Students who have visited the fraternity houses on the weekends might have noticed a new look about them. No, the difference is not new furniture, the walls have not been painted and the aftermath of past parties has not completely disappeared. What is noticeably different is the man in uniform who used to dutifully stand outside the door of each house is no longer there.

New rules are now allowing roaming security guards to enter houses, aside from private rooms, to keep order during the nightly festivities. "These rules are safety motivated," said IFC Faculty Advisor Scott Renninger Jr. "We're not trying to restrict the students from having fun; we are hoping that the rules will cut down on drunkenness and the activities that are associated with it- date rape and alcohol poisoning. We want the students to be safe and to also keep the names of the fraternity houses respectable."

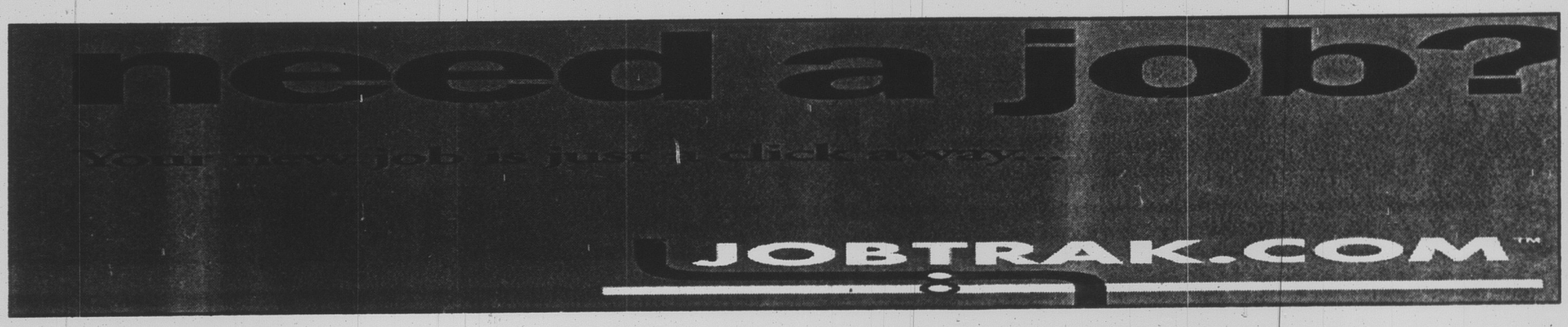
The security guards must make sure only students wearing wristbands denoting that they are 21 years old are consuming alcohol.

Some students disagree with this rule. "I feel that security guards have the right to take action if there is a problem," said junior Sarah Scott. "But people are going to drink at parties, that is why they go there." She believes that the new rules are somewhat of a lost cause. "People can use fake IDs and just put their drink down or go into a private room until the security guard passes by and leaves," said Scott. "People will find a way to drink regardless."

Other students see the new rules in a more positive light.

"I feel that the rules aren't bad," said Dan Klipa, senior member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Security is not out to get anyone, they're just trying to prevent the frats from getting in trouble,"

"It's going to give people more freedom," said junior Jason Cooper of Theta Chi. "Give it a couple of weeks for all the bugs to get worked out and it's going to make the whole situation concerning frat parties better."



AROUND THE GLOBE

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Mother caught abusing child on tape

by Tom Coyne
Associated Press Writer

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP) _ A mother who was captured on videotape slapping and punching her 4-year-old daughter said Saturday she was wrong to hit her child, but said "I am not a monster."

Madelyne Gorman Toogood, 26, surrendered to police to face a child battery charge eight days after the nationally televised videotape depicted her shaking and hitting the child after in a department store parking lot.

Four-year-old Martha Toogood showed no signs of physical injury, but the state placed her temporarily in custody of another family, prosecutor Chris Toth said Saturday. The girl was being examined at a hospital.

"She's safe. We just have to, at this point, make sure there are not any deeper physical injuries," Toth said. "She's a sweet, wonderful girl. Physically she looks fine."

After being released from jail on bond, Toogood, of Mishawaka, admitted to reporters that she was wrong to beat the child, but criticized authorities' decision to temporarily place her daughter with another family.

"My child shouldn't pay for a mistake I made," she said, insisting her husband or other extended family could adequately care for her daughter.

"I am not a monster," she said, fighting back tears. "I have three children. Nothing's ever happened before."

An arrest warrant issued Friday charged Toogood with battery to a child, which carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison. Earlier a judge set her bond at $5,000, although prosecutors had requested a $50,000 bond because of her transient history, Toth said.

Toogood, who investigators said cooperated during a one-hour interview, was transferred to the county jail for booking, Toth said.

Police had been searching for Toogood and her daughter since the Sept. 13 incident, caught on video by a surveillance camera outside a Kohl's department store in northern Indiana.

Authorities said the mother had left the store angry because she was refused a cash refund for goods. The woman is then seen putting her daughter in the back seat of a sport utility vehicle, then pummeling, slapping and shaking her for nearly a half-minute.

Toogood's attorney, Steven Rosen, said his client was angry because her child was misbehaving in the department store. He said he would not attempt to defend the attack because of the videotape.

"It's clear here the young lady lost her temper," said. "I'm not here to say she's not guilty ... She committed a shameful act. She shall be punished."

Rosen also criticized the girl's temporary placement with another family, saying the Toogood family was tight-knit and traumatized by the decision.

"To me, this is very detrimental, very psychologically detrimental, bordering on abusive," Rosen said.

Authorities feared Martha Toogood might have been seriously injured. Rosen said Toogood's family members and friends told him the child was fine and had been examined by a doctor.

Toogood grew up as part of a group of Texas-based Irish Travellers, itinerant laborers who often make their living with home-improvement and business-repair work, such as paving, painting and roofing, Rosen said.

Mishawaka authorities said they had no indication Toogood has ever been accused of abuse. However, they said she did have a history of retail store fraud.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday an arrest warrant was issued for her April 9 after she failed to pay a $202 traffic ticket for having no driver's license.

In May, Fort Worth police issued another warrant after she failed to appear in court to face theft charges stemming from an alleged March 27 shoplifting incident at a Kohl's store there.

Colleges debate morning-after pill controversy

By Aidian Holder

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — A study in the American Journal of College Health reports that while most colleges and universities offer contraceptives, only 52 percent provide student access to emergency contraceptives.

The University of Missouri is one of the schools that offers emergency contraception — the so-called "morning-after" pill — to its students, MU health educator Terry Wilson said. "It would be negligent of us not to offer it," Wilson said. "There's a need, it's approved by the FDA and it's an option."

Emergency contraceptives supply a larger quantity of some of the same hormones found in birth control pills. They are frequently used as a backup for birth control failure, such as a condom breaking or in case of unplanned sexual activity. They are also used to prevent pregnancy in case of rape or sexual assault.

Kerri McBee, community affairs director for Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, said access to emergency contraceptives can give women an option besides abortion. "It allows a woman to be proactive about her health care, not reactive," she said. McBee said too few women are aware of the pill's availability.

If taken within 72 hours of intercourse, the pills usually stop ovulation. In cases where ovulation occurs, the pills can prevent fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg into the uterine wall. The last effect has generated mixed feelings about the pill's use. While its effect is different from mifepristone, or RU-486, some anti-abortion-rights groups contend that the pills induce abortion.

"We don't oppose any true contraceptive," said Patty Skain, executive director of Missouri Right to Life. "Most of the time the morning-after pill doesn't prevent ovulation, it stops a pregnancy."

Since pregnancy is usually considered to begin with the implantation of a fertilized embryo into the uterine wall, the pill is not a form of abortion, MU health educator Kim Waters said. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists encourages all of its members to routinely give patients a prescription for emergency contraceptive pills to keep in case of need. The college also advocates over-the-counter sales of the pills without a prescription.

Congress mulls resolution to use military force in Iraq

by Peter N. Long
AP Writer

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — The political issue many incumbent members of U.S. Congress had been praying would materialize before the November elections have arrived with guns blazing. Thursday morning bore witness to President Bush presenting his Iraq Resolution, which outlines the commander in chief's wishes to gain full congressional support for the use of military force in Iraq.

Accompanied by Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell, Bush met several queries concerning the various points of his Iraq Resolution in the Oval Office. The most pressing matters included Bush's positions on the U.N. Security Council, the extent of the power he seeks from Congress and his views on Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi people. While Bush cited the need for cooperation between the United States and the United Nations in handling Iraq, the president made it clear that he will forge ahead against Hussien and his followers if the Security Council drops the ball in any way.

"If the United Nations Security Council won't deal with the problem, the United States and some of our friends will," Bush said. While Bush did not specify who any of "our friends" are, he said he was quite optimistic that several other nations will be on board if the decision is made to bypass the United Nations and attack Iraq.

"I think you're going to see that a lot of nations love freedom. They understand the threat," Bush said.

When questioned whether he was asking Congress for a "blank check" in terms of military and policy power, Bush responded that he had asked for Congress' support for peace.

"If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," Bush said. "It's a chance for Congress to say, 'We support the administration's ability to keep the peace.' That's what this is all about."

Both sides of the congressional aisle received the resolution with cautious fanfare and most agreed that Bush would get his proposal adopted in late October after lengthy debate.

"We don't want to be a rubber stamp," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., adding that now was the time for unity not division. The biggest congressional roadblock is timing, according to U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who added that "quick, bipartisan congressional action" is the best defense against any political positioning. Edwards added that he felt a resolution from Congress should be decisive and clear, but not a free giveaway of power.

"[The resolution] should not be a blank check for the administration, but neither should it micromanage a war from Capitol Hill," Edwards said. "It should spell out the broad elements of a process that will preserve the legitimacy of American actions, enhance international consensus and strengthen our global leadership."

U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, echoed Edwards' sentiments, but added that war should be a last resort. "Absent an imminent threat, we must exhaust our other tools before hauling out the machinery of death and destruction," Baldwin said.

In a message read Thursday to the U.N. General Assembly, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein asked for the United Nations to resist Bush's goal of garnering its support for a military strike on Iraq and said his country "is clear of all nuclear, chemical and biological weapons."

Both Russia and France, two permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, have expressed reservations about any possible military action against Iraq. While extending an invitation to U.N. weapons inspectors, scientists and any other foreign governmental officials, Hussein said Iraq and the United Nations would have to reach a "balanced formula" regarding inspections.

"[The United Nations] must reassure Iraq with regard to its security, sovereignty, territorial integrity and its right to choosing its own way with out interference," Hussein said.

INTERNATIONAL

Bush compared to Hitler

by Vanessa Gera
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) _ Germany's justice minister, under fire for reportedly comparing U.S. President George W. Bush to Adolf Hitler, won't keep her Cabinet post if Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder heads the next administration, a government official said Sunday.

The reported comparison has drawn ire from Washington, and Schroeder tried to ease tensions with a conciliatory letter to Bush on Friday saying Justice Minister Herta Daeubler-Gmelin had assured him she never made the reported statement comparing Bush to Hitler for threatening war to distract from domestic problems.

Although Schroeder resisted calls to force her resignation, the chancellor does not want to include her in a new government, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Schroeder wrote in a letter to Bush Friday that he would not allow anyone remain in his Cabinet who compared an American president to a criminal, but that he had been assured by Daeubler-Gmelin she had not made the remarks.

"I have to believe her," Schroeder said Sunday night on ZDF television when asked about his position. "But if it turns out that the people who made these accusations against her were right, there will be consequences."

While the minister's future remained unclear, leaders of the liberal opposition Free Democrats unanimously demanded their deputy leader resign after he angered them by renewing attacks on a prominent German Jewish leader.

"The debate of the past week has done us massive damage," the Free Democrats' leader, Guido Westerwelle, told ZDF television after polls closed and early returns showed disappointing results for the party.

Daeubler-Gmelin, meanwhile, rejected as "malicious rumors" a report in the mass-circulation Bild daily that she had decided to step down after polls closed amid growing pressure from within her party, Schroeder's Social Democrats.

The furor erupted after a regional newspaper, the Schwaebisches Tagblatt, reported Thursday that Daeubler-Gmelin told a labor union meeting: "Bush wants to distract attention from his domestic problems. That's a popular method. Even Hitler did that."

On Friday, Daeubler-Gmelin gave a different version. She said during a chaotic discussion that touched on Iraq, she had referred to diversionary tactics and had used the words "we know that from our history, since Adolf Nazi." But she denied saying the name Hitler.

In a campaign already overshadowed by tension with the United States over Schroeder's emphatic opposition to American military action to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, Washington responded to the reported remarks with dismay and disappointment at one of its strongest allies.

In comments published Saturday in The Financial Times newspaper, Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, was quoted as saying that the alleged remarks created a "poisoned" atmosphere.

"There have clearly been some things said that are way beyond the pale," Rice said. "The reported statements ... even if half of what was reported was said, are simply unacceptable."

Schroeder's conservative challenger, Edmund Stoiber, has accused Schroeder of damaging U.S.-German relations with his stance on Iraq and called for Daeubler-Gmelin's immediate removal.

As Schroeder tried to contain that row, the Free Democrats stepped up their isolation of Moellemann after leaders refused to appear with him at rallies in the final days of the campaign, before calling for his resignation Sunday.

Moellemann's colleagues were infuriated by his renewal last week of attacks on prominent German Jewish leader Michel Friedman, who has clashed with Moellemann over the latter's strident criticism of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Moellemann called the party's request for his resignation his "bitterest hour" but did not immediately say whether he would quit.

Jordanian Wonder Woman

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - All that was missing was the Wonder Woman costume.

Witnesses say a Jordanian woman ripped off her enveloping black cloak and veil - to reveal a traditional long dress that was nearly as enveloping - and punched and kicked into submission three young men who had been verbally harassing her.

The official Petra News Agency reported Sunday that shopkeepers and passers-by believe the unidentified woman must have had martial arts training. In Friday's incident on the main street in Zarqa 22 kilometers (13 miles) north Amman, the three men were too shocked to react at first and ended up knocked to the ground, screaming in pain. They then scrambled up and fled.

The woman quoted the title of a song made famous by the late Egyptian star Umm Kalthoum - "patience has its limits" - before continuing on her way as a crowd cheered her.

Petra quoted witnesses as saying the three men had regularly directed obscenities at the woman as she walked in the area. It was not clear if they harassed other women as well.

Russian avalanche kills 150 people

by Yuri Bagrov
Associated Press Writer

GIZEL, Russia (AP) _ As rescuers picked through deep debris choking a gorge in southern Russia after a huge chunk of glacier raged down the mountainside, authorities said Sunday there was little hope of finding anyone alive in the avalanche they feared killed as many as 150 people.

Emergency workers pulled the bodies of five people from the ice, mud and debris that covered part of a village, said Lt. Gen. Ivan Teterin, head of the Emergency Situations Ministry for southern Russia and head of the rescue effort.

Earlier, officials said 17 other villagers whose homes were destroyed were believed dead, though their bodies had not been found. Ninety-four people were reported missing by relatives.

Emergency officials believe at least 100 and as many as 150 people were killed by the avalanche, which ripped through the Karmadon Gorge in North Ossetia Friday evening, a duty officer at the region's emergency situations ministry said.

Besides local residents, officials fear hikers and campers may have been in the area, which is popular among residents of the regional capital Vladikavkaz, who often head to the mountains on weekends.

Among the missing was a film crew led by popular Russian actor-director Sergei Bodrov, who was shooting a movie high in the Caucasus Mountains. Boris Dzgoyev, the emergency situations minister of North Ossetia, said 49 people from the film crew or local support staff were still missing, while nine were safe - seven who were not with the others and two who managed to get out of the disaster area.

The avalanche was set off when a chunk of glacier 495 feet high broke off and roared down the mountain at more than 60 mph, accumulating a mix of mud, rocks and uprooted trees as it went.

"It sounded like a train was coming, but there are no trains here. We saw an enormous mass coming in our direction, and we ran," said Dmitry Podalyakin, 18, who was sitting with friends in a cafe at a tourist center in the area when the avalanche roared down.

"When we came back we saw that some of the (tourist center's) cabins were covered by the mass. There were cries of 'Save us!', but we could do nothing except stand there," he said. "Soon the cries stopped."

The avalanche slid 20 miles before it stopped on the Gizel-Karmadon highway - about six miles from Vladikavkaz. Seen from the road, the path of destruction was about 300-400 yards wide.

"If people were in that area, there is little to no hope they can be saved," Emergency Situations Ministry official Mikhail Razanov said, according to the Interfax news agency.

Nearly 500 rescuers were involved in the search Sunday, and two helicopters buzzed overhead, but by early afternoon workers had cleared just 700 yards of the 15 miles of highway covered in ice and mud. One of the bodies was found Saturday about 5 miles from the area where the flow of mud halted; the other four were found 2 miles farther uphill.

A village near the path of the avalanche, Gornaya Saniba, was ordered evacuated Sunday because of the danger it could be hit by flows of mud, said Vladimir Ivanov, an aide to Dzgoyev.

In Moscow, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said experts had flown to the region to determine whether there was a risk the rest of the glacier could fall.

"One of our main tasks now is to determine how the remainder of the glacier will behave," Interfax quoted him as saying. "If the weather suddenly becomes warm then we will have to take measures to evacuate people."

It was the third time in a century part of the glacier had fallen - an occurrence experts connected to humid, rainy weather over the summer.

In 1902, a piece of the same glacier wiped out the village of Genal, killing several dozen people, said Genri Kusov, a geographer and historian at North Ossetian State University. In the Soviet era, the government began constant monitoring of the glacier and when it began to grow in the 1960s, authorities built barriers in preparation for its fall. When it broke off in 1969, the barriers helped contain the avalanche.

The government stopped monitoring the glacier in the 1970s, he said.

SPORTS

NFL Weekly

Weekly predictions on the upcoming weekend:

by Stephen Brink
Sports Writer

New Orleans at Detroit

It's a battle of the unbeaten versus the winless. I bet you can guess which team is winless. That's right. It is Detroit. 111 Round pick Joey Harrington made his first start as an NFL Quarterback last week against Green Bay. While Harrington was impressive at times, he only threw for 182 yards and also threw four interceptions. New Orleans meanwhile is coming off a huge road win in Champaign, illinois against the Bears. Aaron Brooks is on fire as of late, and expect Brooks to have a huge day against Detroit' s banged up defense. The Saints will roll.

Miami at Kansas City

Kansas City was a coin toss away from upsetting the Patriots last week, while the Dolphins look like an early favorite for the AFC Championship game after their performance against the Jets. This week's match-up is a battle of possibly the two best running backs in the AFC: Priest Holmes and Ricky Williams. The Dolphins are playing with tremendous confidence and, with the defense healthy, there is no reason to go against the Dolphins this week; Miami by a touchdown.

Carolina at Green Bay

Is Carolina for real? They are 3-0 so far this season but their first true test comes this week at Lambeau Field against the Pack. Green Bay survived last week against the struggling Loins. However, the Packers are at home this week and would love nothing more than to spoil Carolina's dream season. It will be close, but the Packers will pull it out in the end.

Chicago at Buffalo

Drew Bledsoe is the only Quarterback with over 1000 passing yards in this early NFL season. So Buffalo will roll allover the Chicago defense right? Not so fast. Brian Urlacher will have his defense ready to go against Buffalo' s high-powered offense. This too will be a close game, but I think Chicago gets a much needed win on the road.

Dallas at St. Louis

Yes it's true, the Rams have yet to win a game this season. St. Louis needs to focus this week. A trip to San Francisco and then a home game against Oakland the following weeks respectively, proves deadly. If they blow this game to the Cowboys, an 0-6 start is very possible. That won't happen though. Look for Kurt Warner to rebound after last week's ugly performance on Monday night. St. Louis wins in Dallas.

Houston at Philadelphia

As of right now, Donovan McNabb has my vote for the MVP award. The game versus Houston this week will not even be close. Ever since the shocking opening day loss to Tennessee, the Eagles have been on a tear. Look for McNabb to pile up his stats this week against the lowly Houston Texans; PhiUy wins big.

Cleveland at Pittsburgh

This is a must win game for the Steelers. A loss here would give them a 0-3, record going into their Week 5 game at New Orleans. The good news for the Steelers is that the schedule gets a lot easier after Cleveland. Still, Pittsburgh can ill-afford to lose a crucial division game at home to the rival Browns. The Steeler defense is still searching for answers and Tim Couch has never looked this good before. I could take some heat for this one, but 1'11 go with the Browns in a squeaker.

NY Jets at Jacksonville

Neither side of the ball looked very sharp last week for the Jets. After getting pummeled by Miami, New York will need a win this week to stay close to Pats and Fins in the AFC East. Mark Brunell seems like he is in sync with the offense and the Jags have had two weeks to prepare for the struggling Jets. The Jets are road warriors and will put up a good fight, but it will not enough to beat the Jags. I like Jacksonville to win.

NY Giants at Arizona

Any win in the National Football League is considered good, but the Giants would certainly like to make it more impressive this week. The schedule is favorable and the Giants could be 5-1 going into their huge division game at Philadelphia on October 28"'. The key word here is could. On paper, the Giants should clobber Arizona, and they are going to have to beat the teams they should beat in order to make the playoffs. Arizona will put up a fight and this game could come down to a last second field goal. I'll take the Giants.

Tampa Bay at Cincinnati

The Bengals have looked just awful this season and don't expect it to better anytime soon. Gus Frerotte has been benched and Akili Smith is now the man in charge. Upset special? No way. Tampa Bay will win big.

Tennessee at Oakland

Oakland is 2-0 and they have had two full weeks to prepare for Eddie George and the Titans offense. Tennessee let one slip away last week against the Browns. I don't understand this team sometimes. The Titans beat the Eagles, but they can't beat Dallas? This weekend's game should be close, but I think Oakland will eventually pull away and win.

New England at San Diego

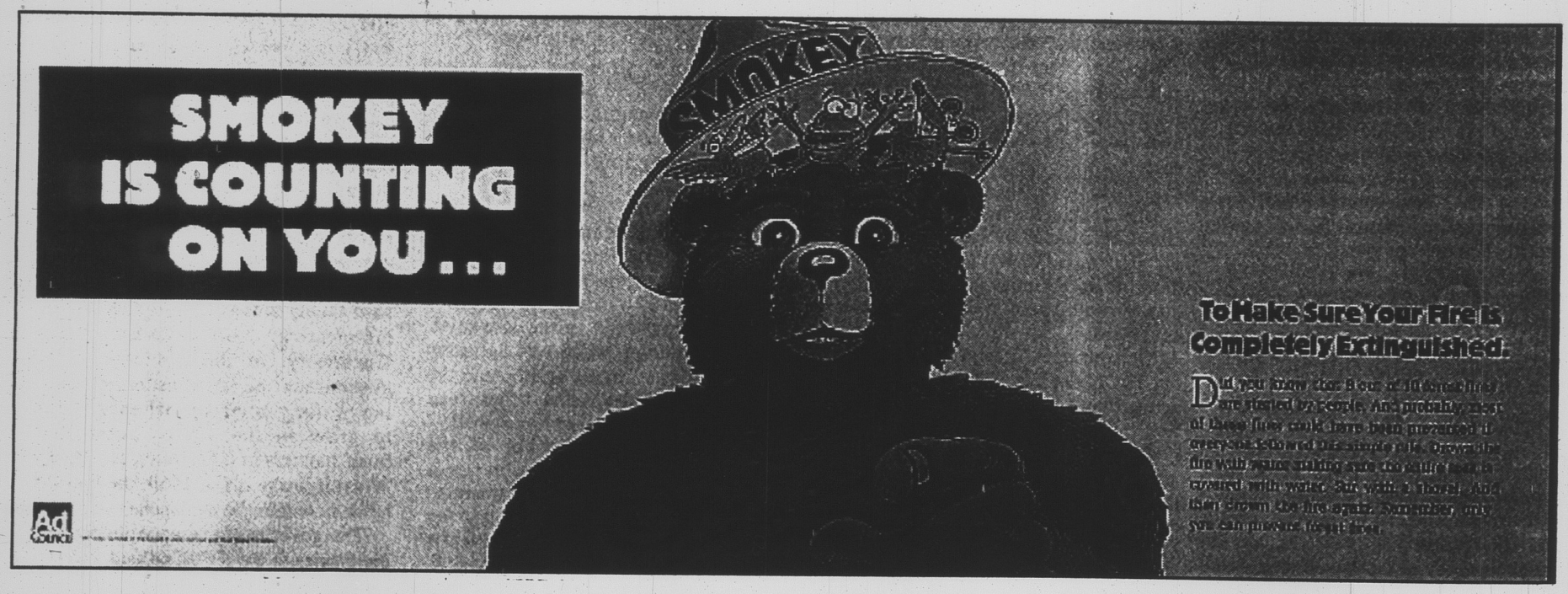
This game is very interesting; it will be a lot closer than people think. San Diego gets their first test of the season, but it is at home. The Charger defense has been stellar this year, and they will have its handful with Tom Brady. A win on Sunday would really put the Chargers in a good position. I would not be surprised if San Diego won, but I'll take the safe pick and go with New England.

Minnesota at Seattle

I was going to pick the Vikings in this game, but Randy Moss was arrested earlier in the week so my pick has changed. Minnesota has now lost their only threat at wide receiver. Dante Culpepper is a solid NFL quarterback and should give Seattle a handful of problems. However, with Moss outJ I don't think Minnesota will do enough to win at Seattle. The Seahawks will be victorious in a battle of field goals.

Denver at Baltimore

Denver has played exceptionally well in their first three games. Their defense has already shutdown three Pro Bowl receivers: Isaac Bruce, Terrell Owens, and Eric Moulds. Nevertheless, Baltimore has no offensive weapons and I can't see them outscoring the Broncos. Denver will win by a couple of scores of Monday Night.



WC Sports briefs

Men's Soccer

The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 4-3-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today, as the Titans posted a 2-0 home victory over league rival Grove City College in New Wilmington. With the win, Westminster remained in first place in the PAC, percentage points ahead of Bethany (4-0-1 in PAC play).

Both Westminster goals came in the first half. In the 26th minute, junior forward Matthew Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) took a long assist by senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) and scored for a 1-0 Titan advantage. The lead stretched to 2-0 in the 31st minute, as sophomore forward Mark Rhoads (Ridgway/Ridgway H.S.) headed in a goal off an assist by junior forward Todd Fisher (Grove City/Grove City H.S.).

Humberston made four saves in goal, as he earned his fourth shutout of the season, Westminster outshot Grove City 28-9 and held a 3-2 advantage in corner kicks in the contest.

The Titan men's soccer team is back in action on Saturday (Sept. 28), as Westminster hosts PAC rival Washington & Jefferson College in New Wilmington at 3 p.m. The Titan booters posted a 1-0 double-overtime win at W&J on Sept. 17.

Football

Westminster College football standout Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) is one of two running backs selected to the d3football.com "Team of the Week" for games ending Sept. 21, 2002. The website, devoted to covering NCAA Division III football, honors top perfromances by Division III football players at each position on its "Team of the Week."

Froelich, a sophomore tailback, rushed 38 times for 154 yards and two touchdowns (15, 25) on Saturday, as the Titans (1-1) posted a 24-21 non-conference victory at NCAA Division II Mansfield University. It was the second 100-yard rushing effort in as many games for Froelich this season, and the fifth 100-yard effort of his young collegiate career. With 70 carries for 291 yards through two games, Froelich currently ranks 12th in the nation in NCAA Division III in rushing yards per game (145.5 yards per game).

Westminster football returns home to Harold Burry Stadium this Saturday, Sept. 28, as the Titans host local rival Allegheny College (1-1) in a non-conference game at 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

The Westminster College women's tennis team improved to 6-4 overall and a perfect 4-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition today in Waynesburg, Pa., as the Lady Titans defeated Waynesburg College 5-3. Westminster captured three of five singles matches (#5 singles was abandoned due to darkness with Westminster winning the first set 7-5) and two of three doubles contests.

Leading the way for Westminster was sophomore Bethany Grubbs (Gibsonia/Pine-Richland H.S.), who was a double winner at #2 singles and at #2 doubles with classmate Amy Browell (Connellsville/Connellsville H.S.). Also posting wins for Westminster was sophomore Amy Caliguiri (McMurray/Peters Township H.S.) at #3 singles, freshman Katie Huber (Pittsburgh/North Allegheny H.S.) at #4 singles, and the #3 doubles team of senior Molly Householder (Library/South Park H.S.) and junior Meghan Medvick (Pittsburgh/Thomas Jefferson H.S.).

Westminster women's tennis returns to action Thursday (Sept. 26), as the Lady Titans travel to face Hiram College in a non-conference match in Hiram, Ohio at 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer

The Westminster women's soccer team dropped to 3-5 on the season today in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titan kickers had their three-game winning streak snapped by NAIA member Geneva College 2-0.

The two teams played a scoreless first half. Geneva took the lead on a goal two minutes into the second half, then added an insurance tally with one minute to play. The Lady Titans lost despite outshooting Geneva 16-5 and holding a 1-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) went the distance in goal for Westminster, making one save in the loss.

The Lady Titan booters return to home action this Sunday (Sept. 29) as Westminster hosts Capital University in a non-conference game in New Wilmington at 1 p.m.

Titans of the Week

The Westminster College football program has honored three players as "Titans of the Week" for their play in Westminster's 24-21 non-conference win at NCAA Division II Mansfield University on Saturday.

Sophomore tailback Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) was named Offensive Titan of the Week for the Mansfield game. Froelich rushed 38 times for 154 yards (4.1 avg.) and scored his first two collegiate career touchdowns (15, 25). It was his second 100-yard rushing effort in as many games this year and the fifth 100-yard effort of his collegiate career.

Senior defensive back Joe Stern (Pittsburgh/Chartiers Valley H.S.) was tabbed Defensive Titan of the Week against the Mountaineers. Stern recorded two solo tackles, one assist, two pass breakups, one interception and one fumble recovery in the victory.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels for the second consecutive week was sophomore kicker Josh Simpson (Houston/Chartiers-Houston H.S.). Simpson was a perfect 3-of-3 on extra points against Mansfield, before booting a game-winning 25-yard field goal with 5:34 to play. He converted a 25-yard field goal earlier in the fourth quarter which was taken off the board due to a Mansfield penalty and ultimately resulted in a game-tying Titan touchdown.

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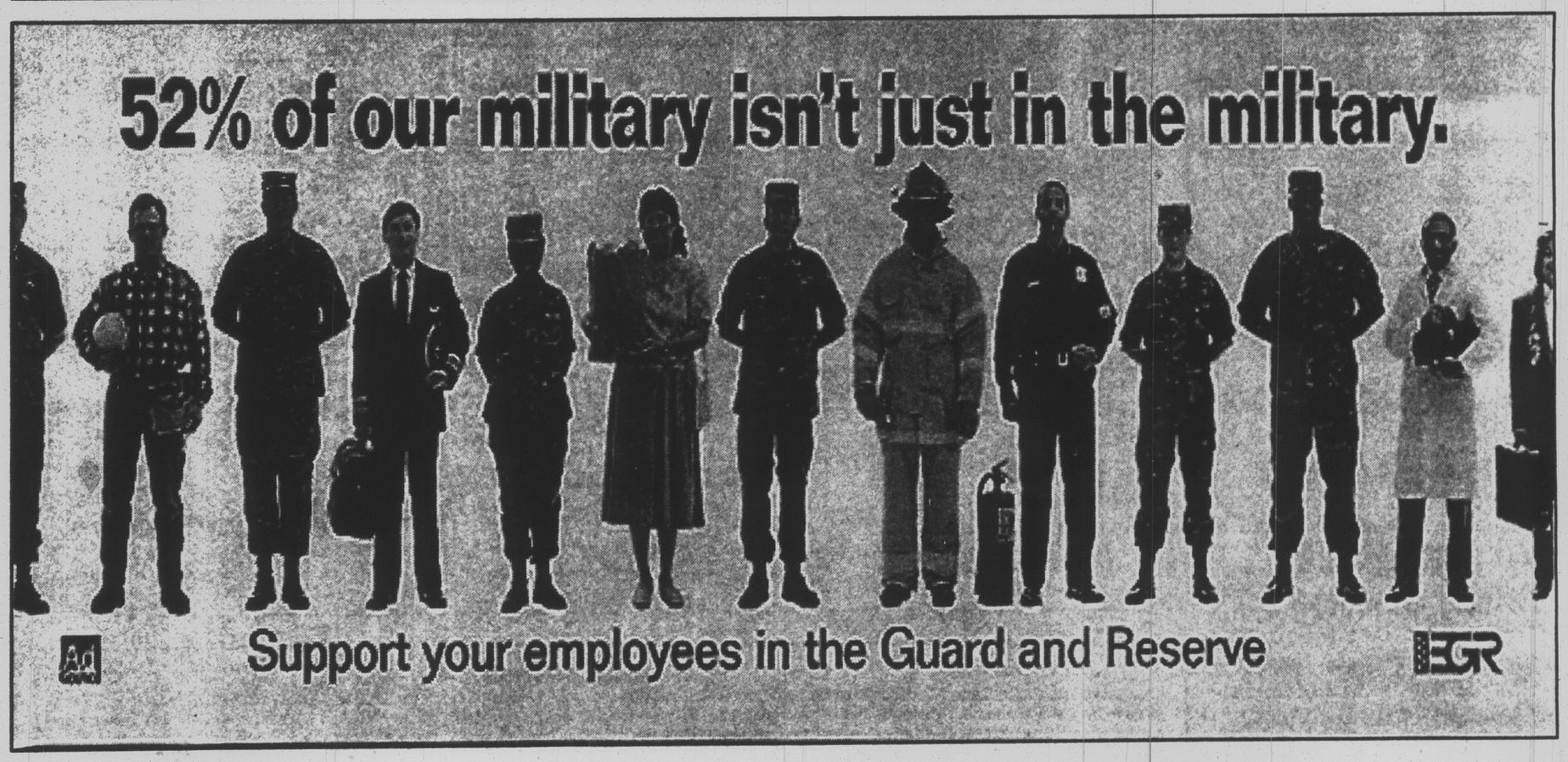


OPINION

Rant and Rave

I swiped cheese from some artsy people.

Where's my wax?

Yeah, let's clean the carpets at midnight!

The new student union building looks awesome.

I love JT's Cafe.

Bacon, bacon, where's my bacon?!?!

I thought literacy was a prerequisite for college.

Why do I have to do all this stupid busy work?

Why is it that the people who call you immature always act like three year olds?

Friends don't let friends smell bad.

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

It only hurts when I breathe.

College can best be described as a scene from the Princess Bride..."I've just sucked 4 years of your life away. How do you feel?"

If something has a bright yellow sign saying "Please don't use" there's probably a pretty good reason why you shouldn't use it.

Why is the handicapped door locked in Eichenaur?

Why do we have RA's?

You come here at age 18 and you are treated like you are 10.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: The Simple Things

During the past week, Mother Nature has shown the campus her colder side. People are starting to turn their fans off and break out their warmer jackets, and even though Thompson Clark's air conditioner may still think it is the middle of summer, all the signs are pointing toward fall. Leaves are changing color and dropping off only to be crunched under feet of hurrying students. "Gotta get to class. Gotta get to lunch. Gotta get an A." When was the last time you stopped and jumped in a pile of leaves? Or just sat in awe of autumn's beauty?

Fall is an in between time—not quite summer, not quite winter. It is the dusk of the seasons, when the world gets sleepy and tucks itself in for a long winter's nap. It can also be a great time to appreciate the simpler things in life.

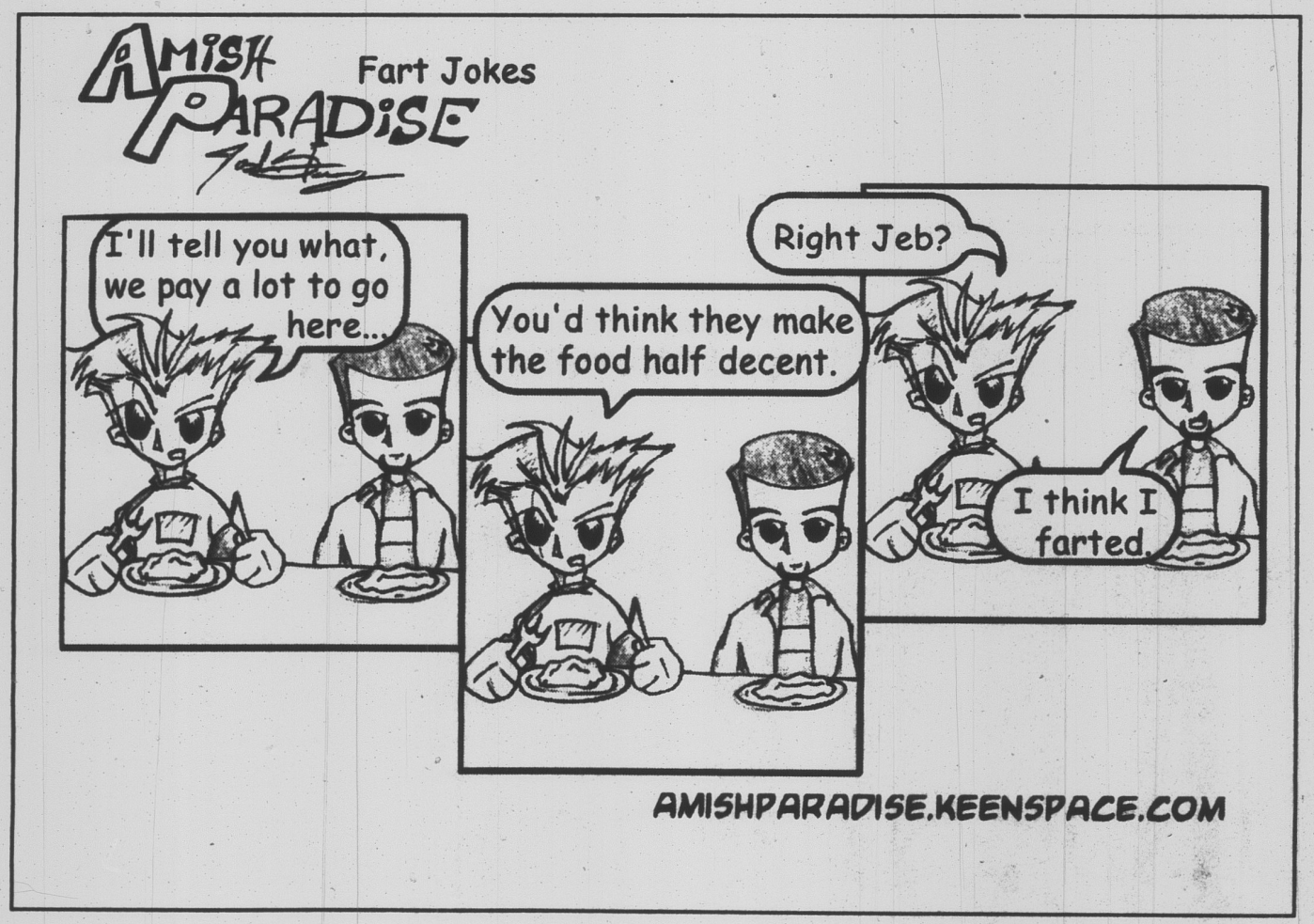
No matter the time of year, students have a tendency to rush to class, but now that the weather is starting to get the better of the student body, everyone has a tendency to rush all the more. Autumn can be just as wondrous as spring or summer. Have you ever noticed the way the branches make spider-web patterns in the sky or the soft sound of leaves cracking? It is a quiet symphony that many rush past without hearing. Take a minute and just listen.

It is not like Pitt or any other city campus, where the only green you see is on the quad or on the meat in the cafeteria.

Remember the excitement you felt years ago when you were younger and life was simpler, the days before Halloween? You got to dress up and pretend you were someone else—Superman, Wonder Woman, Alice, one of the Simpsons. There was a mystery that you could not touch during that fall holiday and there is something about autumn that screams mystery. It is hidden somewhere in the sounds of leaves and trees—the archetypal symbol of the season.

Afterall, Westminster is a rural campus, so there are plent of scenic spots to enjoy the "wilderness" so to speak. It is not like Pitt or any other city campus, where the only green you see is on the quad or on the meat in the cafeteria.

Robert Frost stopped by the woods on a snowy evening. Try stopping by the TUB and watching the landscape. You may be surprised by what you see.



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Student government working for you

by Erika Hink
SGA Correspondent

Here's what's going on with your SGA this week:

The Food Advisory Committee has been discussing many important issues concerning the dining hall. Different types of lettuce are being added to the salad to make it taste better. Sodexho Marriott has a contract with Ken's ranch dressing, so changes can't be made regarding that. There will be a "fun day" coming soon, possibly with a World Series theme. Pita bread can now be found with the bagels. The dining hall will hopefully have vanilla ice cream all the time now, so people can make special desserts such as root beer floats. Finally, "Eating Right at Westminster" will also be coming soon. It is a chart with the calorie counts of certain foods found in the dining hall. If you have any dining hall concerns that you would like addressed, please contact SGA treasurer, Julie Lechner.

There are two vacancies in the senate for the senior class. If you are interested in filling one of those positions, check your email for more information. Senior, Matt Slacker was present at the meeting. He was nominated and elected to fill another open position. He will be sworn in at next week's meeting. The first ever "Meet the Presidents" will be held Tuesday, October 1st from 5-7pm in Galbreath Lobby. Come talk to SGA President Christopher W. Nave and college President R. Thomas Williamson. This event will be an informal discussion about campus issues and anything you would like to talk about. Refreshments will be served.

The Academics committee has started planning the College Bowl. More information will be coming soon. The Curriculum Development Committee met and representative Russ Mills reported on many different issues. Some ideas that were discussed were getting rid of Inquiry 102 classes and combining them with Inquiry 101. They are also looking to change the Tuesday/Thursday class start time of 7:40a.m. to 8:00a.m. They are also looking into getting rid of the community service requirement. Jess Rummell reported for SLAC. They assessed the Newman Club, and they are discussing ways to have less late afternoon and evening classes because they interfere with sports. However, academics chair, Christina Contes met with Registrar, June Garner. She said that late afternoon and night classes are due to part-time faculty members and lack of available room space. Judicial Board members have been elected. Congratulations to Amanda Moore and Laura Elder who are the representatives, and Pam Chovan and Mike Skwortz who are the alternates.

As always, JT's Café will be this Friday night from 10p.m. - 2a.m. It will also be open-mic night. Mentalist, Craig Karges will be on campus October 11th. Also, if a student is looking for a place to study or hang-out at night, the Down Under is open for Late Nights every Monday and Thursday from 10p.m. to 1a.m.

Under new business, the judicial committee is going to talk to members of the New Wilmington Borough council about the cable on campus. Some concerns are why Nickelodeon doesn't have sound, why channel 12 is either really loud or doesn't come in at all, and if we could have digital cable in the lobbies of all dorms.

Finally, if you have questions, concerns or comments, there are two ways you can reach the SGA. One is by going to the weekly meetings on Wednesday nights at 7p.m. in Philips Lecture Hall. Or you can email sga@westminster.edu We look forward to hearing from you.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Biz and Jenna at the Movies

The Four Feathers and The Banger Sisters

Four Feathers
Jenna Chesky

The previews hailed it as the sweeping epic of the year. I hail it as the sleeping epic of the year. With a choppy plot and undeveloped characters, "Four Feathers" left me wanting to hit the snooze button a few more times. Directed by Shekha Kapur, "Four Feathers" is the story of Harry Faversham (Heath Ledger) who has to prove his bravery to his friends.

After resigning the Queen's Regime (think 1800s) days before being shipped off to the Sudan to fight, Harry receives a blow to his ego-three white feathers from his friends, signifying cowardice. He receives one more from his fiancé Ethne (Kate Hudson) and suddenly he is off in the Sudan looking for the army he abandoned. How and why four little white feathers changed his mind so quickly, we'll never know. If we're lucky it will show up in a deleted scene on DVD.

Once in the Sudan, Harry immediately seems to have overcome his cowardice as he camels across the desert and fights several very large tribal men. He buddies up with one such tribal man, Abou Fatma (Dijmon Housou). Abou pops up whenever Harry is in trouble, but we never know how or why. Harry finds each one of his friends in a compromising, life-threatening situation and manages to prove his bravery to each one of them.

Several guys I've never seen before play Heath Ledger buddies. Kris Marshall is the nervous and scared Castleton, and Michael Sheen plays the quirky comedic relief, Trench. Wes Bently, who you should have seen as the creepy neighbor in "American Beauty," plays the creepy best friend Lt. Jack Durrance, who is also in love with Ethne. I thought the poor guy just got a creepy role in American Beauty, but now I'm seeing a trend with his work. Let's hope he breaks out and doesn't become the next Christopher Walken.

Everyone returns home, but will Harry overcome his humiliation? Will he get his love back from his creepy best friend?

The Good: Heath Ledger. That's all I need to say. This film had some of the most a sweeping deserts and lush, green England woke up the weak plot. Again, Heath Ledger. The up-and-coming Hollywoods who starred in this film were wonderful actors; I hope in the near future they get a gig with a little more substance. Oh, and Heath Ledger.

The Bad: Yikes! I hope they put more emphasis on accents in acting school; a few were brutal. The film was based on a novel by A.E.W. Mason, but I think screenwriter Michael Schiffer used the cliffnotes, because he forgot more than a few chapters. The plot was jumping all over the place. The characters either developed too quickly or not at all. Either way, it bugged me.

The Bottom Line: Needs to be seen on the big screen, but wait for it to go to the bargain theater.

Four Feathers:
The previews hailed it as the sweeping epic of the year. I hail it as the sleeping epic of the year.

The Banger Sisters:
Ever wonder what your mom was doing twenty years ago? Or who?

The Banger Sisters
Elizabeth Adams

Ever wonder what your mom was doing twenty years ago? Or who? In The Banger Sisters, Susan Sarandon and Goldie Hawn play grown-up groupies who meet up again after a twenty-year hiatus in their friendship. Lavinia Kingsley (Sarandon) traded the raucous rock life for the suburbs, a wealthy husband and two spoiled daughters. Hawn plays the still rockin' Suzette, freshly fired from a Los Angeles bar and wearing the same hairdo and clothing she wore when she was twenty. She is in need of some quick cash and good times from her old pal Lavinia whom she lovingly refers to as Vinnie.

A grown-up Penny Lane, Suzette pulls into the lush suburbs in her blue truck/car and watches Vinnie sending her daughter and friends off to prom. Feeling out of place in her pink halter and bar hair, she pulls away and finds herself back at the hotel with her weekend buddy, Harry Plumber, played by Geoffrey Rush. Harry is a raging obsessive compulsive who is armed with a gun and one bullet meant for his father. But Suzette, in her quirky 1970s naivety, looks past all of Harry's troubling mental health problems and sleeps with him anyway.

Suzette finds her way into Vinnie's life eventually, and it is not the spectacular reunion she envisioned. Immediately, Vinnie offers Suzette money to get out of her life. Suzette takes the high road and refuses the money, and soon the two are back to the old pals they were when Jim was the Lizard King and the war was over.

Problems with this movie: Erika Christenson and her freakishly large face are back full force. They tried to show more profile and used shadows to diminish the length, but the face just refused to be hidden. But the major problem with The Banger Sisters, and most movies, is how quickly characters change. In the same minute, Vinnie goes from rudely shushing Suzette to protect her family to affectionately calling Suzette "babe" and resenting her family. The relationship goes from unwanted to necessary and meaningful in a matter of minutes. More transitional dialogue and a few flashbacks would have helped.

Good things: Sarandon's daughter, Eva Armurri, plays Ginger, the artistic and wildly strange daughter of the uptight Vinnie. The girl was hilarious. Wearing weird ill-fitting clothes, having breakdowns every five minutes and afflicted with a nervous throat-clearing habit, she stole the scene whenever she was in it. My roommate and I agreed we want her in every movie we see for the rest of our lives. She was that funny.

Another good thing is how Hawn's character is depicted. Suzette is really three-dimensional, deserving of both empathy and respect from the audience. And, I think, getting it. Some critics are calling Hawn's performance the best of her career. Plus, I love that she drops the "f-bomb" throughout the movie. Ex-groupie bartenders should have a potty mouth, right?

In short, this movie was not nearly as bad as I thought it was going to be. See it when it comes out on video.

Big name singers collaborate on album

by Isaac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

If there's one huge story in rock music that's just waiting to be broken, it's this one. For over a year, the former members of Rage against the Machine have been working on material with former Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell. This summer, the rough demos of their album leaked onto the Internet, upsetting band guitarist Tom Morrello. The band was originally slated to perform at Ozzfest this summer, under the moniker of Civilian, but the group seemingly split up just days after announcing their spot on the tour.

The press died down and everyone was left with the impression that, although the band split up, the material they recorded would eventually be released. A few months ago, there were rumors circulating about the band getting back together with a new management firm. These rumors were later confirmed, and their new management team, the Firm (Limp Bizkit, Korn, etc.), was announced.

Then, a couple of weeks ago, underground rock news site theprp.com broke the story that the group was back together for good, this time under the moniker of Audioslave. Their first, self-titled album is now slated to come out on November 13 on Epic. The first single from that album, "Cochise," will go for radio ads on October 1.

"Cochise was the last great American Indian chief to die free and absolutely unconquered," Morrello said about their first single. "When several members of his family were captured, tortured, and hung by the U.S. Cavalry, Cochise declared war on the entire Southwest and went on an unholy rampage, a warpath to end all warpaths. He and his warriors drove out thousands of settlers. Cochise the Avenger, fearless and resolute, attacked everything in his path with an unbridled fury. This song kinda sounds like that."

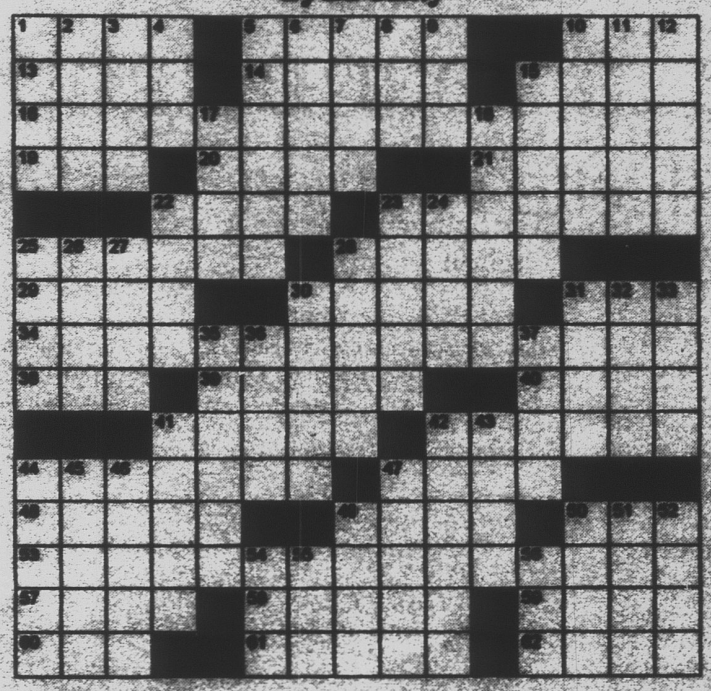
You can listen to this song at http://launch.yahoo.com.

Mark Romanek, who did directional work for Nine Inch Nails, will direct a video for the single, and a tour is also expected. In related news, former Rage Against the Machine frontman Zach de la Rocha is still working on his solo album, and the Deftones have a new album entitled "Lovers" slated for release on November 19.

Crossword 101

Beneath It All

By Ed Canty



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22 Trunk event
23 Gang
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30 Frothy drink
31 Fish
32 Mr. Merryish
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35 Stirred
36 Minneapolis player
37 Tidy
41 Hindu deity
42 Church groups
43 Male's mountain?
44 Grenade
45 Forerunner
46 Nucleus
47 Interfered
49 Half a sawbuck
50 Horrible
51 Joint
52 Tolling
54 On the offensive side
55 Tear
56 Easter symbol

Quotable Quote

Always behave like a duck - keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

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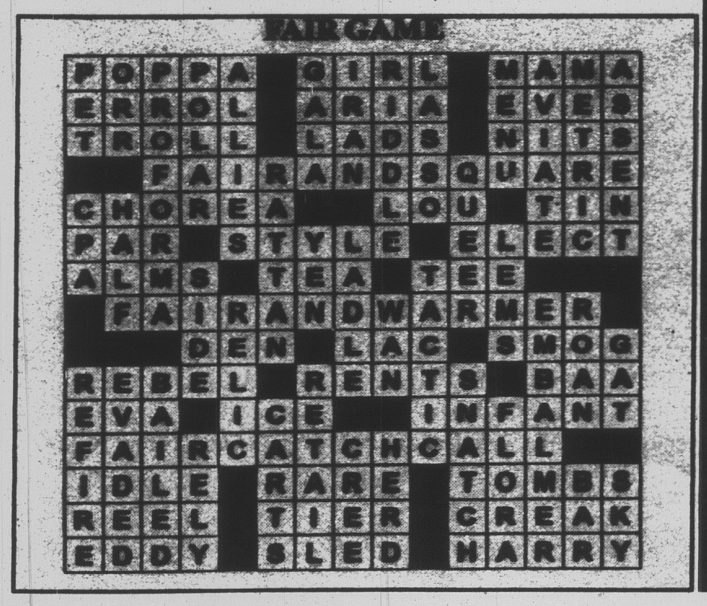

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Your ideas and information could make the difference, so be sure you inform those who can get the wheels turning. Self-sacrifice for the sake of loved ones is a joyful gift, but there are those who might want to take exception to your plans.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Clear communication will be very important. Follow up as soon as possible on all correspondence. You are set to make things happen, and now you have all you need at your disposal to do so. Changes need to be made at home-the suggestions won't be met with enthusiasm.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

An unexpected money gift will give you the chance to try something new. You feel like you're walking off the edge of your usual routine, and the feeling is exhilarating. Take care of your own needs, which may include taking some time for yourself. Be prudent.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Always remember that change is the only constant. Your idea of self may be a bit shaken up now. Attitude is everything when dealing with situations and people out of the norm. There are a few relationships important to you that need attention; be sure to state your needs clearly.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Something important you have been looking forward to is about to appear. Don't let your ego get the best of you and induce you to do something really risky. You're looking for a leadership role, but the time isn't right. Wait for the perfect moment to make your bid.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

All seems quite well this week. In fact, you are probably sitting on top of the world. This satisfaction can come from several areas. Perhaps your love life is improving, or you may have just accomplished something at work. Pay very close attention to all you hear now.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Although you are an easygoing character, you may easily offend someone if you are not at your diplomatic best. Spiritual inspiration comes in the company of like-minded friends. There is a real opportunity for success, but only if you're willing to change.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all your dealings, especially when issues are in the spotlight. It may be the best time to examine how to best use your talents and abilities, and whether or not you need to shift gears where a job is concerned.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

The darker side of family members' personalities may emerge if you are dealing with money. Remember that you can only do so much when someone else controls the situation. A requirement of personal interaction must be that you will be treated as an equal. No need to divulge secrets.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

You are in danger of being seduced by something that has an attractive outer appearance, but won't hold up under close scrutiny. If greed is a part of your motivation, put a stop to it immediately. Don't criticize another unless it is done with compassion.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Your energy level is at top speed. Slow down and be a bit more cautious. It's time to talk about your need for a great deal of independence in relationships so there are no uncomfortable surprises later. Clarify your point of view and assure others no offense was meant.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Romance is in the picture, but be aware of jealous behavior. Point out that you are no one's possession. Words of love may get an immediate response, but be assured that you are appreciated. Your primary relationship will distract you from your work if you don't get a grip.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your daily grind may now become more frantic and all-consuming, which may lead to depleted health. Rest and relaxation are definitely in order for the next several months to rejuvenate your frazzled energies. Make sure all communications are crystal clear; messages may get easily confused.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Bridgette Kennedy and Jess Kane

Name: Bridgette Kennedy
Year at Westminster: Senior
Major: Public Relations, Biology minor

What is your astrology sign?
Cancer

What is your strongest addiction?
It's the FBI Files and Forensic Cases on TV.

First child's name?
I like Jade. I like Seth. I like Isabelle.

Someone who always makes you laugh?
My brothers and sisters.

Where do you want to live when you grow up?
A suburb of Pittsburgh.

What is your goal in life?
My goal right now would be to find a job that fits my personality, somewhere where I am excited to go to work each day.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand?
I love that Colgate half toothpaste, half mouthwash stuff. The green kind. I don't what flavor it is, but it's green.

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What is your favorite season?
Everything with sunshine.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail?
I check my e-mail religiously.

Tell me a story about yourself...
I always mean well. One time I was at an auction and I took an opening bid just to participate, thinking I would be outbid. When no one else put in a bid, I felt bad and outbid myself in front of everyone. Everyone was laughing.

Name: Jess Kane
Year at Westminster: Junior
Major: Elementary Education

What is your astrology sign? Ooo...I'm a Leo.

What is your strongest addiction? Lately it's been Mountain Dew. I can't break myself of the habit of getting it at lunch.

First child's name? I like the name George. So I guess if it's a girl we'll just call her Georgette.

Someone who always makes you laugh? Kathy Clute. She is just so witty. I just laugh at everything she says.

Where do you want to live when you grow up? I would really like to live in the South Side of Pittsburgh.

What is your goal in life? To see a shooting star. I would love to see one.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand? Arm and Hammer...that whitening kind.

What is your favorite season? Autumn. Right now...that's my favorite. It's like a tame summer. The leaves are so beautiful. It looks so romantic.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail? Twice, maybe three times. Maybe if I had a reason to check it. It's usually just garbage.

Tell me a story about yourself... Here is how random I am. Last Spring during a torrential downpour, I got an ingenious idea. We were walking out of the cafeteria when all of a sudden I noticed a big pool of mud in front of Ferg. Without even giving it a second thought, I took my t-shirt off (I had a sports bra on), took a running start and slid twenty feet in the mud. Whenever I stood up, I had mud all over, about fifty million scratches and twigs stuck in my hair.

Where Does Judgment Take Us?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

"Why did I come to this school?" I have asked my best friend this perplex question at least once a day for the past three years.

"So you could meet me," she responds in sarcastic seriousness.

In planning for my under graduate four year excursion, I wanted a small college in a small town where I felt comfortable being as far away from home as possible. Westminster was the third choice on my list. The hour drive South on I-80 was not what I anticipated a lengthy road trip to be. I was the first member of my family to apply to college so we were a little dumbfounded on what needed to be looked into. All I knew was that I wanted to write.

I called off school to drive the six hours to visit Muskingum, one of my top college choices. My father is a space nut, so he only agreed to the waste of gas because Muskingum is the town where astronaut John Glenn grew up. He bought out the bookstore in memorabilia. As much as I wanted to please my father by attending the same college as his hero, I just didn't feel it. The atmosphere wasn't for me. People were too busy in their own business to smile at a prospective student and that was discouraging.

A blizzard blocked our path to visit Mansfield and an unvisited school was out of the question. So I swallowed the protruding lump of devastating pride and drove the short, memorized drive to Westminster. I had been to the Towering Titan swim camp for the previous four years. Nothing had changed except students occupied the landscape; students who smiled and seemed to care that I was interested in spending my college experience at Westminster. I sent in my deposit without hesitation after the pre-discriminated ride home.

I am smarter to think that it was more than my imagination, but the smiles seemed to stop after I got here. I wasn't feeling the love. I would sit in my room and cry, thinking of plans to transfer out and go to a larger school where I could blend in, finding people that were more like me. I felt like no one wanted to befriend me because I was different. What I didn't understand was what made me different.

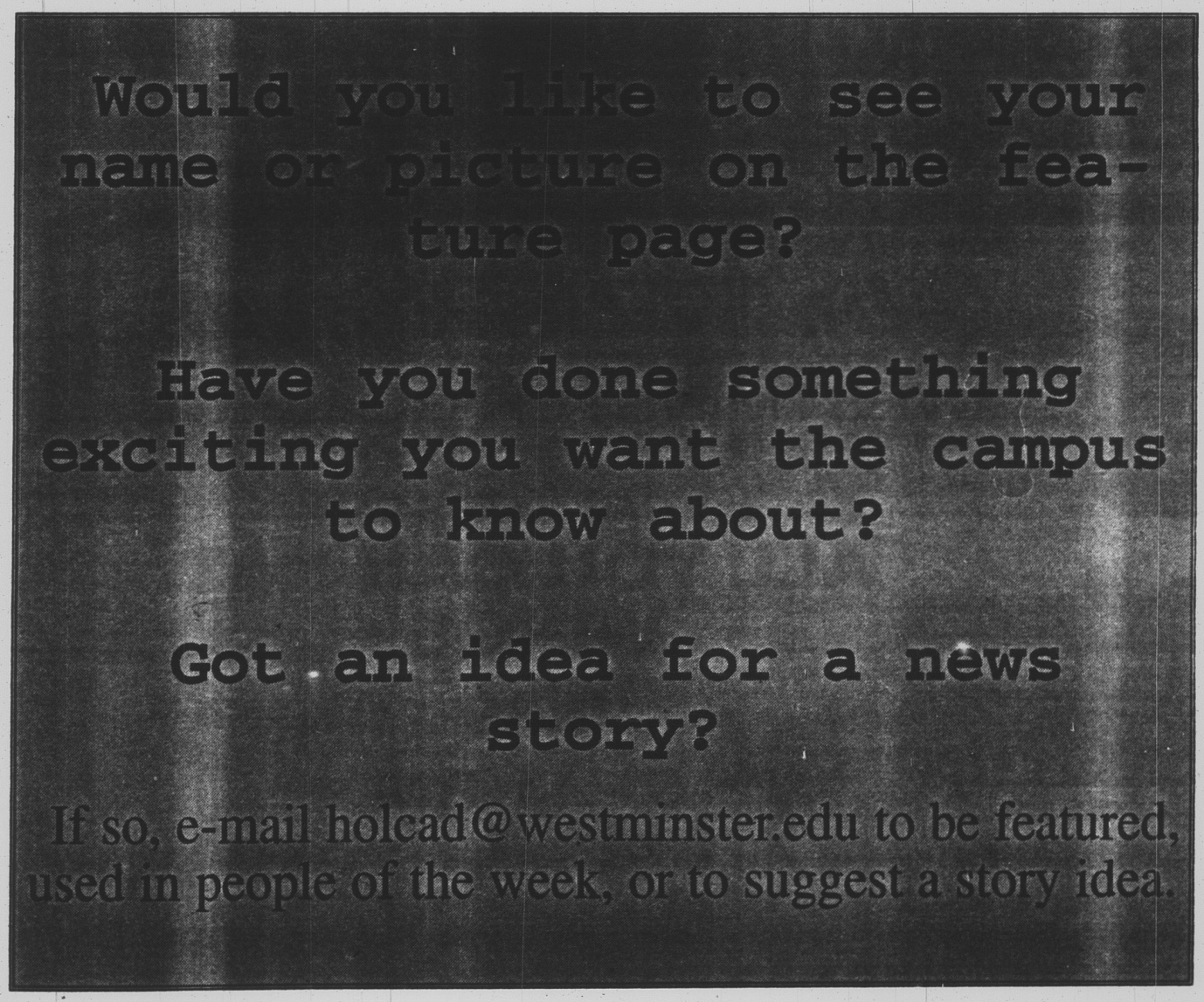
I slowly started to conform. I was allowing my roommate to make-up my face before going out on weekends, an occurrence that could be counted on one hand before freshman year. I was borrowing hoochie clothes, wearing fitted pants and somehow shutting out the entangled screams inside of me.

After a few months of psychological thinking, I grew angry. All I wanted was to fit in and to do that I had changed myself. The transferring thoughts became as serious as physical applications. I didn't want to be a part of a close minded, diverse-free or stuck up environment. I wanted to be me without uncomfortable glares and whispered gossip. I was sick of being stuck. I was sick of myself. I hated Westminster.

What I didn't understand then was that I was the one being close minded, producing a stuck up environment to live in. I was the one judging girls for wearing preppie, over-priced corporate American clothing. I was the one sticking my nose up in the air at guys with collared shirts, carpenter pants and dress shoes. I was creating the problem for myself.

Until a few friendly hippies I met at a fireside this summer helped me understand, it never occurred to me what judgment was. What gives me the right to look at someone and make conclusions? How do I know where they have been, what troubles life has brought them? I learned in a five-hour conversation that it doesn't matter what clothes you choose to wear, the shoes you put on your feet, the amount of money you spend on looking good. As long as you are who you want to be, who are we to judge? Judgment isn't a part of me anymore. It's a waste of positive energy.

For anyone who walks around Westminster campus feeling not welcome, here is a tip. It is your choice to be here. If you feel this place isn't for you, creating negativity is only adding to the problem. If you feel people are judging you, maybe you're doing the same, tables turned? As much as I wanted to leave Westminster, I feel so blessed for sticking it out. No one is stuck here. It is up to you to make the right decisions for yourself and staying true to what you believe in.



Studies abroad: The fine art of ordering pizza

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

No matter how many ryugakusei I ask, the answer is always the same: the major food group for college students across America is none other than pizza. Whether it be Domino's or Pizza Hut, the famous pizza pie is prominent in everyone's diet. So when my friends and I discovered the pizza shop in Katahoko known as "Strawberry Cones," it was essential that we order pizza.

We're silly that way, I suppose. Here we are, barely able to say "hello" and "thank you" in the native language, and we try to order a pizza. Considering the difficulty encountered while trying to order a pizza in our own country, we should have known better. However, there have been so many interesting misunderstandings along the way.

For instance, shouting the words "plain" and "large" into the phone only managed to produce a large pizza with corn on top. The total cost was well over ¥3,000 ($25.00 or so, at ¥120 to a dollar) for that one mistake.

Speaking loudly into the phone never really works, but it happens frequently. While trying to order a pepperoni pizza, there was much shouting going on, and the words "pepporoni saasaaji" were said repeatedly until everything was understood. That large pepperoni pizza cost only ¥2,800 and arrived in less than half an hour.

Meanwhile, pointing at a menu seems to work quite well, except none of the menus have any prices listed for plain pizzas. The boy I was with, John, said something in Japanese that I have yet to pronounce (let alone learn), which actually produced a medium, plain pizza.

Sizes are quite interesting here. While I know the words for big and small, "chiisai" and "ooki," they aren't of much use while ordering things. Saying "small" and "large" in English doesn't work very well. Almost everything is listed as "S size," "M size" or "L size." However, even saying those won't work quite right. More than likely, I'll run into a large sized language barrier. If I say the words in Japanese-yes, you heard me right, saying the English words in Japanese-gets the point across fine. "S size" becomes "esu saizu," "M size" becomes "emu saizu" and "L size" becomes "eru saizu."

The price for pizza is quite obviously a bit more extravagant than we're used to in the States. Most small pizzas come in around ¥1,600 with somewhere around three or four interesting and new toppings. Many toppings include pepperoni, green peppers, pineapple, corn and mayonnaise.

When I finally got to taste my first plain pizza from "Strawberry Cones," I was really surprised. It didn't contain any hidden mayonnaise, and there were no pieces of corn floating about. It was also quite possibly some of the best pizza I had ever had in my life. Now if I could only afford it.

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 27
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting – TC 315
6:45 p.m. Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
10:00 p.m. JT's Café

SATURDAY 28
FAMILY DAY
9:30 a.m. Parents' Coffee with Pres. Williamson – Russell Dining Room
10:30 a.m. M & W Cross Country @ St. Vincent Invitational
11:00 a.m. Family Day Barbecue
11:00 a.m. W Tennis vs. W & J (H)
12:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Ohio Wesleyan Invitational
1:00 p.m. Football vs. Allegheny College (H)
3:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. W&J (H)
3:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Capital (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: The Fifth Dimension – Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Newman Club Ice Cream Social – Old Main Tower Room

SUNDAY 29
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club – PH 114
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting –PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie – Down Under

MONDAY 30
LLP Block I Classes End This Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
7:00 p.m. Zeta Tau Alpha Recruitment Party – Ferguson Lobby
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting – PH 114

TUESDAY 1
Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Applications Due
11:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting – Beeghly Theatre
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Grove City (H)
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting – HSC 150
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Phi Delta Kappa Fall Fashion Show – Russell Hall Dining Room
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Grove City (H)

WEDNESDAY 2
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Bryan Rennie,
"Some Tricks of the Trade for Online Teaching" – PH 311
4:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Waynesburg (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship – Down Under

THURSDAY 3
Honors Chorus Auditions – Orr Auditorium
4:30 p.m. W Tennis @ Bethany
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting – PH 231
6:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Waynesburg
7:00 p.m. Biology Sesquicentennial Seminar: Dr. John Robertson,
"So Noble the Hagfish" – Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Sociology Interest Group Career Night – Russell Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Piano Recital: Joe Augustine – Orr Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir – Chapel
7:30 p.m. Phi Delta Kappa Guest Speaker:
Douglas Smith, "Terrorism and Violence: A Guide for Educators
– Russell Dining Room
9:00 p.m. Stargazing (weather permitting) – Hoyt Science Center

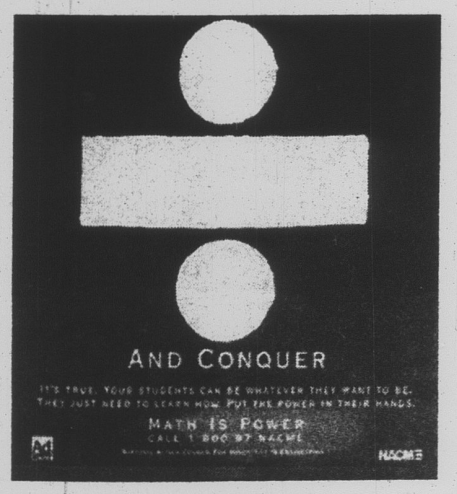
Classifieds

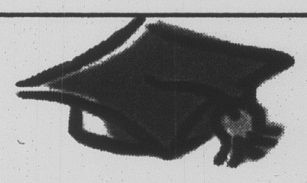
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Coalition Against Risky Drinking (C.A.R.D.) (formerly the Binge Drinking Task Force) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. in Ferguson Lobby. Everyone is invited to attend with group, whose mission includes promoting awareness and information about risking drinking and developing programs that focus on changing the campus atmosphere.

Homecoming Float Themes are requested from organizations. Contact Camille Hawthorne at ext. 7112 or e-mial hawthorc@westminster.edu before Oct. 1.

Craig Karges will appear Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. in the Down Under. Don't miss this program of illusion, psychic happenings, and extraordinary phenomena.





Planning to graduate in December or May?

Deadline for applications: September 30, 2002

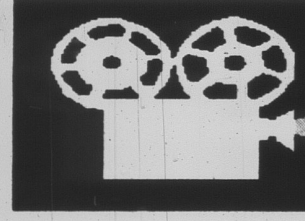
Applications for graduation and degree audit reports were mailed to all students with 80+ semester hours. The deadline for returning the application form is Sept. 30.

Please complete and return the application form whether or not you plan to graduate this academic year.

Students returning forms in person to the Registrar's Office in Old Main by the deadline receive a 20% off coupon for Westminster merchandise at the Bookstore.

If you are planning to graduate but did not receive an application and degree audit report, please contact the Registrar's Office immediately.

At the Down Under



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New fire alarm safer for students

by Justin Robinson
Staff Writer

Students have all complained about standing outside, freezing in the middle of the night because of a fire drill, but this safety procedure may one day save lives.

Students hear fire alarms more often than they would like to. However, fire drills are essential for the safety of the entire campus. In the upcoming months, students will see many improvements in fire safety on campus.

Next year, smoke detectors and sprinklers will be installed in every dorm room. This major project will use a lot of water and require a lot of renovation.

"It will save lives and put out the fire," Assistant Dean John Lechner said.

Currently, only a few buildings have sprinkler systems. There is a sprinkler system in the chemical area of Hoyt and in the kitchen in Galbreath. Hillside is the only dorm with sprinklers.

The reason most of the buildings do not have sprinkler systems is that they were constructed in the earlier to middle part of the century when sprinklers were not required. Now it is mandatory for new buildings, such as the student union, to have sprinklers. All renovated buildings on campus must also include sprinkler systems.

"It is in the interest of safety to retro-fit our buildings," Lechner said.

Along with sprinklers, every dorm room will be equipped with ultra-sensitive smoke detectors. They are tripped by heat and smoke sensors that trigger the alarm.

"Something like a burnt bag of popcorn can trip these censors," Lechner said.

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Students meet the presidents

photo by Aly Karg

Students discuss concerns with President Williamson

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Foodservice, judicial fines and residence halls improvements were among the hot topics reviewed Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the first "Meet the Presidents" event.

Galbreath's lobby served as the meeting grounds for the session. College President R. Thomas Williamson and SGA President Chris Nave answered questions posed by the student body during informal one-on-one conversations.

"Our intention for tonight's event was to demonstrate to the student body that both the SGA and the college are open to student suggestions," said Nave.

"The most interesting question asked tonight was 'Where's the water?'" said Williamson. "Apparently, Jeffers hasn't had water since last night. I didn't know about the problem until now."

Senior Gwen Kennedy directed her question to Nave. "A SGA web site was promised last year as part of the current administration's campaign. I am involved in many aspects of the campus life and would benefit from being able to read the senator meeting minutes," said Kennedy. "The senators' decisions affect many of the organizations that I'm in. It's something that needs to be addressed."

Nave assured that the web site would be available within the next week.

Other new suggestions were made throughout the evening. Ideas included ringing a victory bell after each football game win, placing benches outside residence halls, creating a campus mascot and lighting bonfires the evening before football games.

"I was impressed with the opportunity to get to meet President Williamson and talk with him on a friendly basis," said junior Amanda Moore. "I enjoyed hearing the two presidents' views on campus issues."

An estimated 40 students inquired about a variety of issues. Nave offered an open invitation to Williamson encouraging another "Meet the Presidents" session. No concrete plans have been arranged for the event at this time.

If there are outstanding questions that need answered by the presidents, contact the SGA senators or email SGA at sga@westminster.edu. Although cookies and Westminster pens wouldn't be given for questions asked as they were at "Meet the Presidents," answers will be received.

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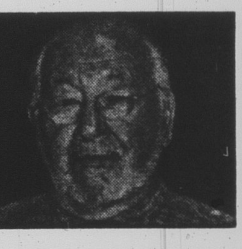

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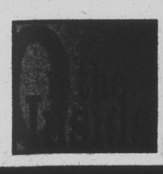

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CAMPUS NEWS

First political party on campus

by Tricia Burich
Staff Writer

Fraternity houses are not the only ones throwing parties on campus anymore. The Green Party, the only political party on campus, is determined to express students' governmental views and issues.

The Green Party is the third largest political party in the United States and supports environmental issues and equality for everyone. It bases its views on ten key values, which are grassroots democracy, ecological wisdom, social justice and equal opportunity, nonviolence, decentralization, community cased economics, feminism, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility and future focus and sustainability.

Jeremy Baker, the organizational chair, stated, "We believe there isn't just government and people, but the government is suppose to be the people. It doesn't make sense for the people not to be in the government." The group focuses a lot on nonviolence issues and feels strongly about opposing the war on terrorism, as well as opposing the World Trade Organization.

Campus Greens were launched in January 2001 following the boost of youth involvement in progressive politics sparked by the Nader/LaDuke presidential campaign. During the 2000 presidential election, thousands of students nationwide campaigned for the Green Party presidential ticket. After the election, the organizers for Nader/LaDuke set out to create a strong and democratic national network of Campus Greens chapters. In August 2001, the Campus Greens Founding Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois. Many student activists attended the organization and elected a national Steering Committee. After the success of the Convention, Campus Greens hired two full-time staff to coordinate the rapidly expanding network of over 125 Campus Greens chapters and thousands of young activists nationwide.

The group strongly supports Michael Morrill, who is running for governor. Morrill stresses his support on the Green Party's ten key values.

"Our events and goals right now are to get the people included in politics again," junior Ken Jae said. "We hope they would be interested in getting involved with the Green Party, but just to get people to pay attention to what's going on would be fine."

"Our main goal in the beginning is to educate the people," Baker added.

This year, Organizational Chair Baker, Associate Chair Samantha Elven, Treasurer Jim Fee and Secretary Jae and adviser Dr. Grove lead the Green Party. The meetings will be held every Thursday at 6pm, in room 228 in Patterson Hall.

First-years react to college life

by Kathleen Fisher
Staff Writer

Students' lifestyles drastically change when they come to college. Freshmen have to adapt to college life. Having a roommate, eating cafeteria food, showering with flip-flops on, constantly chatting on Instant Messenger, pulling all-nighters and learning to love Easy-Mac are just a few aspects of college life. Each first-year reacts differently to these changes.

"I like college life, but it is definitely different from high school. I really came to appreciate my family," first-yearKim Duschek said.

It is often hard on some students to be away from their homes, families and friends, but others have no problem adjusting.

"No one really got homesick. I miss my friends from back home, but it has been really cool to meet new people. Everyone has been really nice," first-year Tara Hoellerman said.

Her roommate, Elsbeth Dressing, agrees.

"I don't really miss home; I just miss the people. It's a lot easier if you know an upper classman when you come to school. They can introduce you to a lot of people. They take care of you," Dressing said.

Freshman Jeff Brownlee has enjoyed college so far.

"College life is great. I don't think I ever want to leave. I am having a great time," he said.

"The only bad thing is the food," first-year Amy Tascione said.

One alternative to cafeteria food is to order pizza.

"I love Domino's on Wednesdays," first-year Christin Mikulan said.

Finding time for homework, class, friends, practices, laundry and other activities can often be challenging.

"Things can get pretty busy at times, but you always end up finding time for everything," freshman Tom Froelich said.

Students attend Labor-Management meeting

by Nikki Ferrari
Staff Writer

Six economics and business students attended a Labor-Management Relations meeting in Pittsburgh on Sept. 3.

The students were Nikki Beaver, Sara Proper, Jared Gashel, Shannon Lutz, Diana Wells, and Jennifer Poole. Dr. Betty Talbert, professor of economics and business, accompanied them.

A highlight of the event was Thomas J. Usher's speech. "Tom Usher is a very powerful man," Talbert said of the CEO, chairman of the board, and president of the United States Steel Corporation.

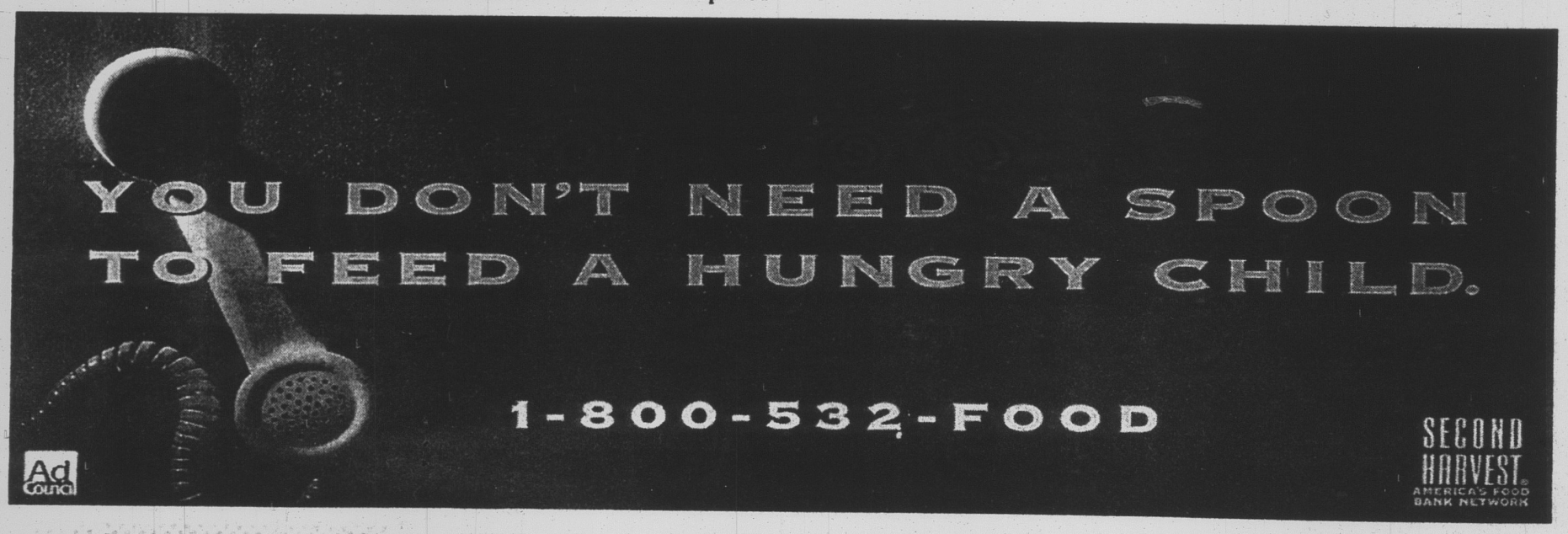
The event, held at the IBEW Center in Pittsburgh, took place the day after Labor Day for good reason. A company is basically made up of two parts, management and laborers. These groups often have differing opinions on workplace issues, salaries and the like. Labor-Management Relations meetings are one way to help bridge the gap. Meetings like these aid in keeping unemployment low, determining the cost of labor, and keeping the organization running smoothly.

One of the main issues discussed at this Labor-Relations meeting was the importance of doing away with the adverse relationship between management and laborers in light of the current economy in the U.S. One prospective career illustrated at this meeting was that of a mediation and conciliation specialist. Many companies with a union use a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to resolve issues.

Also a primary topic was President Bush's recent decision on imported steel tariffs. "It gave a better insight on how government tariffs can be good and bad," said Lutz, a senior international business major.

Wells, a senior double majoring in business and biology, said that it was interesting to see that the government supports the American people and their jobs. She said it was stimulating to talk about the meeting in her microeconomics class. Talbert commented that this was a good opportunity for the students to see what they have learned in class take place in real life.

Although many companies were in attendance, Lutz said she believed they were the only student group at the meeting, which provided insight not gained in the classroom. "It was nice to see the government positively helping the people in our area, "said Wells.



Cafeteria on par with other schools

by Lauren Thompson
Staff Writer

Breakfast, lunch and dinner...what is more important to college students than meals? Food keeps college students going.

"Campus Crossroads" is Westminster's dining facility located in Duff and McGinness dining halls. It provides an "all-you-care-to-eat" program for students and faculty. A variety of meals is offered, with pizza and hamburgers served every day. According to Food Service Director Jeff Creveling, Westminster's dining service prides itself on flexibility and variety of meal plans.

"I have eaten at other schools, and all have their points, but all have room to grow. We at Westminster try our best to accommodate the students," Creveling said.

According to SGA member Jenny Williams, the dining services meet with SGA once a week. The meetings keep both parties up-to-date with comments and suggestions.

Some complaints from students include lack of seating and length of lines. Lack of seating is due to the temporary placement of the TUB in McGinness Dining Hall. The TUB will be moved back to the student union once it is complete. However, it is questionable whether the wall dividing the hall will be removed.

Students have also complained about the price of meal plans. Westminster's least expensive plan is $1,100 and most expensive plan is $2,730. Some of the meal plans offer dine dollars and guest meals, which allow students to purchase food from the TUB and to provide meals for guests without wasting block meals.

Clarion and Slippery Rock Universities have dining facilities similar to those of Westminster. Both schools have a wide variety of food to choose from, along with consistent favorites such as pizza and burgers. However, their prices are less expensive. Like Westminster, both schools have a number of meal plans to choose from. Clarion's least expensive plan is $516 and most expensive plan is $926. Slippery Rock's least expensive plan is $903 and most expensive plan is $1,280.

photo by Kristin Park
Students dine at cafeteria

Clarion University has one dining hall, Chandler Hall, and a grill, which is located in the Student Center. Clarion student Michael Sandherr has no complaints about the dining services.

"The food isn't that bad, considering it's not my mom's," he said.

Slippery Rock University has two dining halls and a grill on campus. Weisenfluh Hall serves the majority of the students. The second dining hall is in a poor location, does not have a large selection and has inconvenient hours. Slippery Rock student Courtney Tempich, who has visited Westminster, said that Slippery Rock's dining halls are very similar to Westminster's facilities. Her main complaint about Slippery Rock dining is the amount of time spent waiting in lines.

"It takes a half and hour just to get into the hall and another fifteen minutes spent in line waiting for food," Tempich said.

Family Day success for everyone

by Elizabeth King
Staff Writer

After two long days of rain, students and their families were able to enjoy a day full of activities. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., they had the chance to meet President Williamson in Russell Dining Hall, followed by the football game and barbecue at 1p.m.

"There were a lot more people than normal at the game," sophomore Kristen Etzel said.

"It was nice to see everybody enjoying themselves, especially since we won."

Freshman Melissa DePaul gave a tour of the campus and the town to her family.

"We went to the football game, then me, my dad and my brother played football in the quad. Later we ate at the Short Stop Restaurant," she said.

"My parents came up and watched some of the game and then we went to dinner," freshman Christin Mikulan said.

Even if visitors didn't participate in all the scheduled activities, the day still brought family and friends together. Students at some schools don't have the same luxury.

"Well, I know that a lot of kids would like that, especially the new freshmen, because it would make them feel a little more comfortable and make it easier to adapt. You know, so they could spend time with people they know in their new environment," said Steven Groves, a junior at Duquesne University.

"I would definitely have my family up for Family Day if we had one. I would love for them to meet my friends and get a better understanding of my college experience," Grove City freshman Kellie Kepple said.

Broadway meets Orr Auditorium

by Kate Sweeney
Staff Writer

Orr Auditorium will come alive with the mystical sounds of the Broadway musical South Pacific, as it makes its debut at Westminster in the Celebrity Series on October 4.

Since its debut over 40 years ago on Broadway, this Rodgers & Hammerstein musical has been preformed all over the world. The musical takes place in the South Pacific during World War II. The plot is based on two love stories. One is between an American nurse and French planter, while the other is between an American officer and a South Pacific island girl. The musical is a romantic comedy, with most of the comic relief coming from the quirky sailors.

Eugene De Caprio, director of Celebrity Series, commented on the humor and excitement of South Pacific. "There's a lot of comedy and dancing, and God, the songs are out of this world," De Caprio said. Some of its well-known songs include, "Some Enchanted Evening," "This Nearly Was Mine," "There's Nothing Like A Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," and "Happy Talk."

Though there are no renowned names starring in the show, the Troika Association, which is putting on the performance, offers a full-scale orchestra and scenery, which will appeal to the eyes as well as the ears.

De Caprio emphasized the importance of the song "You've Got To Be Taught," which the American soldier sings to his Korean love interest. He stated that this song is particularly significant since it deals with a white, American officer falling in love with a native, dark-skinned girl. South Pacific is one of the first musicals to address the issue of interracial relationships. "The song 'You've Got To Be Taught' was the Rodger & Hammerstien's plea for tolerance among people of all races. The song explains that love really is there essentially at birth, but you are taught to hate and suspect people," De Caprio said.

Though the Celebrity Series program is aimed to attract members of the community, rather than the Westminster student body, De Caprio noted that this performance is for all audiences and believes that people of all ages will enjoy South Pacific. "I've seen South Pacific done before and it's an awesome show. I would definitely recommend students to go see it when it comes to campus," says sophomore and theater major Alyson Gasper. "I think students would enjoy this show because it's comical and moves quickly," says junior and theater major Ashleigh Oram.

The Caroline Knox Foundation offers students free tickets to the Celebrity Series performances. If you are interested in seeing South Pacific, or another performance offered by the Celebrity Series, contract The Box Office at extension 7354.

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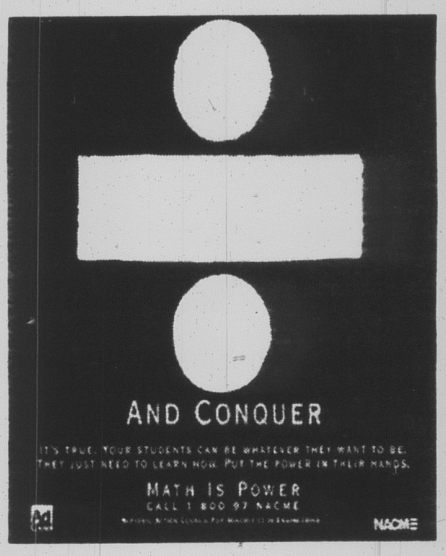
These alarms have been tripped by dust from cleaning and construction, steam from an iron and burnt food. All of the 32 fire alarms that went off in the last calendar year have been false, with the exception of a ping-pong ball that caught fire in Hillside.

As of now there is an alarm system in every building that, when triggered, goes through a radio system to alert campus security.



Momaday turns storytelling into art form

by Christopher Portman
Staff Writer

Pulitzer Prize author Dr. Scott Momaday spoke to a large group of Westminster students,. faculty and community members on Wednesday evening in Orr Auditorium. Momaday was part of Westminster's Diversity Symposium series, which brings prominent speakers from diverse backgrounds to Westminster.

His topic, "Native American Oral Traditions: The Stories & Storytellers" included his experiences as a writer, stories of his childhood and selections from his new book, "In the Bear's House."

Momaday began his childhood stories by sharing how he received his Native American name, "Rock-tree boy." He explained to the audience that the rock tree is another name for "Devil's Tower," a landmark in Wyoming that was also featured in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." He told the story of the landmark's creation when a boy was transformed into a bear and chased his sisters to a tree stump. He continued telling how the stump, "grew to a height which was very, very high, with his sisters clinging to the top." The story ended with the bear scratching the sides of the stump as it grew. Momaday said, "Bear and I are one. I am the bear and believe that I must deal with bear issues in life."

Many in the audience sat with amazement as Momaday told his life experiences. Some audience members could imagine Momaday sitting around a campfire sharing his stories. "It was different but very interesting. I enjoyed his stories very much," said first-year student Nawal Rajeh.

Dr. Barbara T. Faires the chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department helped arrange for Momaday's visit to Westminster. "This was not the first time Dr. Momaday has been on campus. He spoke here in the early 70's," said Faires. One of her favorite books is, "In the Bear's House." She enjoyed reading it and said, "It's a great book." She hoped by bringing Momaday, to Westminster students would see the diversity in the Native American culture. Faires feels that students, faculty, and community members benefit from hearing and seeing a Pulitzer Prize winner. She went on to say, "I hope students will see storytelling as a way of knowing."

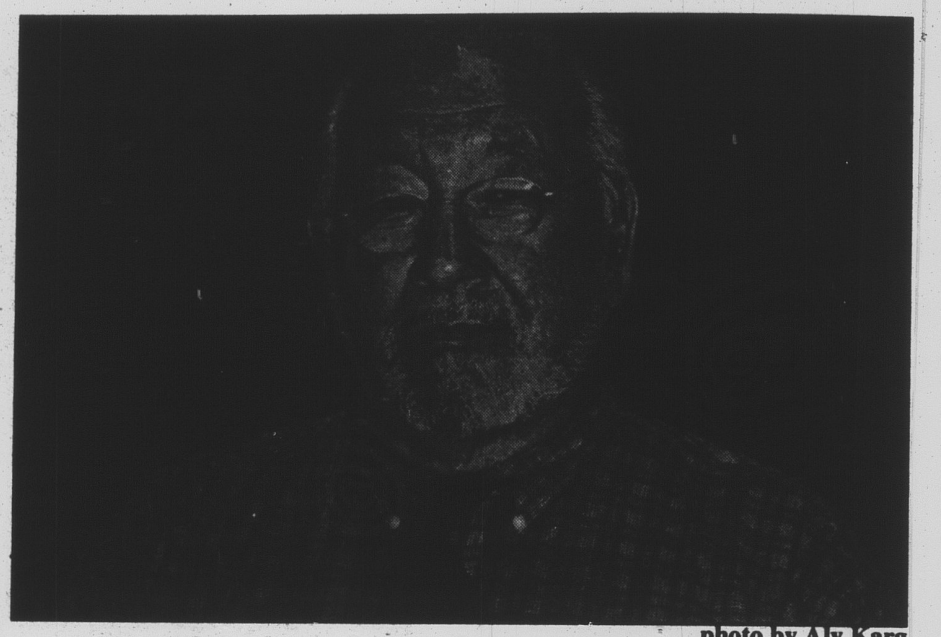


photo by Aly Karg

N. Scott Momaday

Momaday ended his presentation with what he called, "a story of the evening," which is a dialogue between bear and God. Momaday enjoys ending his talks with this because it, "defines grace as the substance and soul of life." With a wave of his hand and the use of his deep enchanting voice he exclaimed, "Grace!"

Campus news program expands viewing area

by Sarah Patterson
Staff Writer

The "Inside Lawrence County" news program that is viewed by thousands of viewers in Lawrence County has changed its name to the "County Line" due to the expansion of its viewers in Mercer County.

The expansion deal was made with Adelphia Cable. The new "County Line" name was chosen because Westminster is one mile between Mercer and Lawrence County. Mercer County now receives local news instead of receiving its news from Pittsburgh and Youngstown. The show thought that more localized news programming and technical alterations, such as more video footage, gives the viewers a greater sense of community and awareness of change in news events occurring in their viewing districts.

Doubling the audience calls for some serious changes. A lot more information and manpower is needed to perform such an efficient task. The new format consists of one feature story that alternates between the two counties, and a news event concerning a major topic of interest in the news that week, such as the "West Wing" preview or the Anniversary of September 11th. Live interviews are given on the air as well. Furthermore, the daily sports coverage deal mainly with area teams from both Mercer and Lawrence counties along with Titan sporting and campus events.

Senior Bobby Fisher, the producer of the "County Line," thinks that it's great Westminster teaches students hands-on experience instead of just teaching news broadcasting in the classroom. He states that the new format is much more exciting due to the expansion, but also the doubling of the audience adds pressure to the "County Line" news team.

To view the changes and improvements of the "County Line" and support the local news team, watch theirweekly programming on Thursdays live at 7:30 p.m. on channel 9.

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Your Student Government Association

Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

SGA wants you to be a part of naming 3 rooms in the new campus center. Suggestions will be considered for the name of the new grille area. Those suggestions will be looked over by faculty, staff and other campus members. Students alone, however, will name two rooms. We are looking for names for the new Down Under and the new student lounge. Please send suggestions to sga@westminster.edu. A prize will be awarded to the winners.

You are invited to attend the Food Advisory Committee meetings. If you have concerns about anything in the dining hall, you are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. Check your e-mail for more information and meeting times. If you are interested in attending the meetings, please contact Julie Lechner.

Under faculty standing committee reports, the Curriculum Development Committee discussed either revising or dropping capstone and cluster courses. The community service requirement is also most likely going to be dropped. The Curriculum Operations Committee also discussed cluster courses. The registrar would like to have 10 cluster courses offered. As of now, only 5 are going to be offered. Guidelines for IP credits will be discussed. Also, the Monsters in Literature and British Travel course offered next semester would have IP credits. The Instructional Resources Council discussed computers and bandwidth usage. They also took a PC inventory and found that there are 186 computers on campus that are 5 to 7 years old.

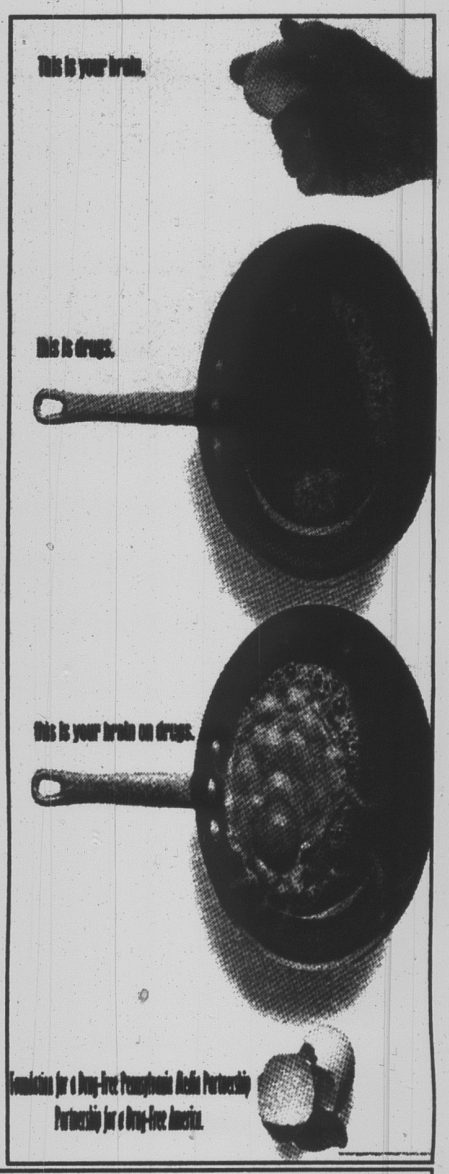
The Judicial committee is taking bids to upgrade the cable system, which will mean better channels and better service on campus. They are also looking into putting a New Castle Transit bus stop closer to campus for people who want to go to the Grove City Outlets.

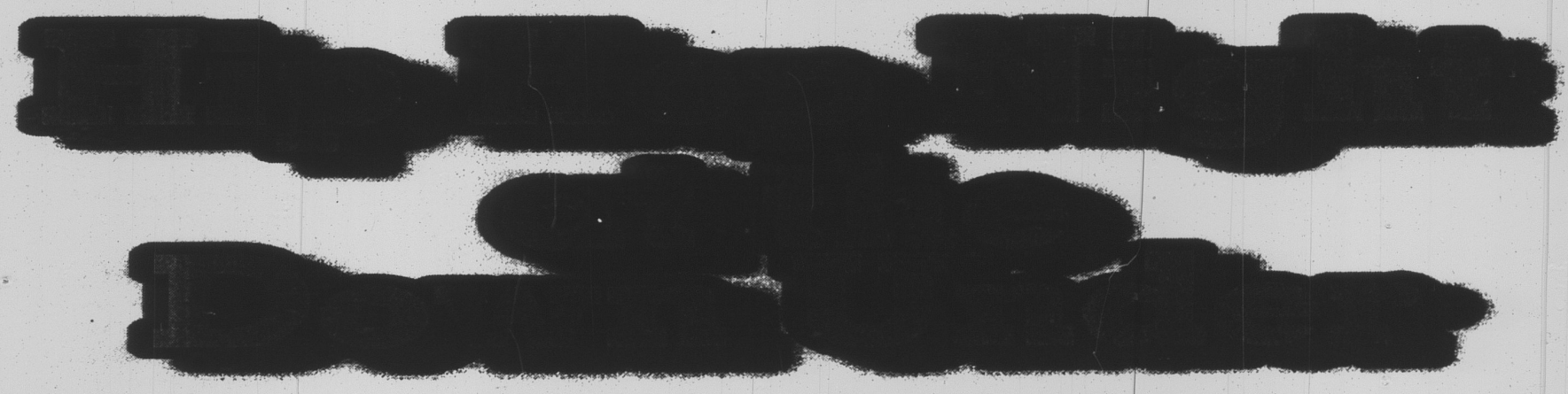
This weekend in the Down Under: the Black Student Union will be hosting a hip-hop party at 8p.m. Phi Mu is hosting karaoke Saturday night from 7:30 - 9:30. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Admission is $2. Night Owl bowling will take place on Saturday night. If you are interested in going, email cpc@westminster.edu. Monster's Inc. will be shown Sunday at 8p.m.

There will be an SGA promotions day on October 17. Get rides to class in golf carts, and stop by Orr lobby in the morning for donuts, drinks and other fun stuff.

Matt Mough and Justin Kurtz were nominated to fill vacancies in the senate. They will be sworn in upon acceptance.

As always, you are invited to attend the weekly SGA meetings on Wednesdays at 7p.m. in Philips Lecture Hall. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please email sga@westminster.edu. All e-mails will receive a personal response.





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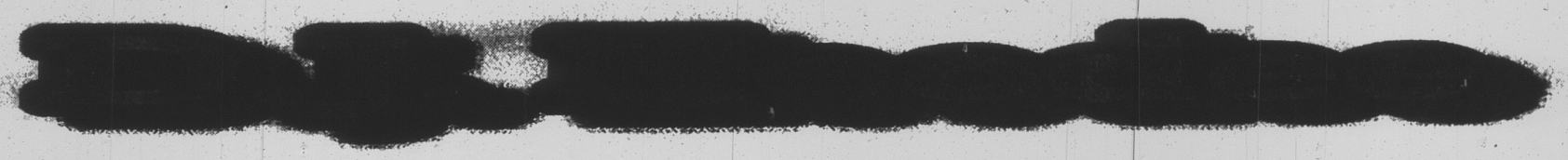

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Play demonstrates minority life on local campus

by Wendy Solomon
AP Writer

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) - Alyssa Bryant can walk the length of Lehigh University's campus and not see another black student.

When she surveys the sea of faces in her classes or at the cafeteria, she seldom sees one that looks like hers.

Whether she uses black English or decides to wear her hair in cornrows, Bryant, 20, is constantly reminded she is different from the majority white population at her school. Her life experiences are different, her schooling, her family traditions - all different.

Bryant remembers the visceral feeling that grabbed her when a student in her physics class told her he had dressed as a minstrel at a weekend Renaissance fair. Could he really have meant a minstrel, she wondered - a white person made up in blackface? No, he said, he meant a medieval musician.

She remembers a white sorority girl selling tickets not offering one to her. Was it because she's black? When her lab partners questioned her answer, was it because of the color of her skin?

For Bryant, like many black students, the issues surrounding race are a constant in their lives. They have fielded everything from earnest questions about their hair and naive understandings about their cultural traditions to blatantly hostile and ignorant comments about their race.

It is an experience people who live in the majority culture do not have and may never have stopped to consider.

Enter, stage right: "Untold Truths," a provocative play about the experience of black students at predominantly white schools that premiered last week at Touchstone Theatre in Bethlehem.

Written by two professors and a Lehigh University student, "Untold Truths" is a montage of monologues of 20 characters played by two actors and taken from actual interviews with black students and faculty in cities across the country.

Playwright Kashi Johnson, assistant professor of theater at Lehigh, said, "There are situations or stories that are unique to our experience. This play not only gives voice to those experiences, it also gives charge to African-American students an expectation or challenge of being successful at a place like this in spite of the challenge."

Johnson co-wrote the play with Lehigh theater major Robert C. Riley and KenYatta Rogers, a theater professor at Montgomery College, Maryland. Johnson and Riley play all the roles on stage.

The play was the result of a confluence of forces. Johnson, who had been an undergraduate at Lehigh, had long wanted to write about her experience as a minority student but always managed to "put it on the back burner," she said.

She grew up in Queens and Brooklyn, and went to school in Spanish Harlem and on the Lower East Side. She was accustomed to a diverse environment.

"When I came to Lehigh, imagine the culture shock," she said.

At the time, black students were 1.8 percent of Lehigh's enrollment. Today, they are 3 percent of the 4,685 undergraduates.

"There are special circumstances we encounter every day, some universal truths people have whether they are in Virginia or Boston," Johnson said.

For instance, Johnson said one of the most frequent questions she and other black students hear is, "Why do you always sit together?"

People tend to sit with their friends, she said simply. They neglect to observe that the white students are also sitting together, she said.

"People who are a darker hue tend to stand out more," she said.

Then there was the time Johnson was absent from a lecture class of about 300 students. When she ran into her professor on campus later on, he asked her why she was not in class. Johnson was surprised to be recognized.

"I was not anonymous in that one instant," she said.

She said she stood out because she was the only black student in the class.

The major catalyst for "Untold Truths" came last May when racism reared its ugly head on the Lehigh campus during Greek Week. Someone had posted racist statements on a Web site after a black fraternity won a campus dance contest for the first time.

"Everyone pretty much knew about it in the black community," Johnson said. "People in the community were deeply affected by it."

The comments angered many on campus and Lehigh's president Gregory Farrington condemned the racial slurs in an e-mail statement he sent throughout the university. Johnson was disturbed by the anonymity of the author of the racist comments.

"There's the feeling you don't know who's doing it, who's with you or talking behind your back. There needed to be a response to that, I felt," Johnson said.

At the same time, one of Johnson's students, Robert C. Riley, came to her and said he needed to express his anger, too.

"We said, OK, let's think about it," Johnson said.

With an open invitation from Touchstone to create an original work for the fall, Johnson decided it was time to put the idea of the black student experience on the front burner. Together, with the help of Rogers, who suggested they use as models playwright Anna Deavere Smith's one-woman plays about the Crown Heights confrontations and the Los Angeles riots, "Untold Truths" was born.

The play was put together at a blistering speed. During the three-month summer break, Johnson, Riley and Rogers videotaped and audiotaped dozens of interviews with black people from a variety of backgrounds across the country, from streetwise students to preppies to tenured faculty members. After transcribing the tapes, they whittled the material down to form a cohesive message in an hour-long tour de force, at times sad, humorous, unsettling and always thought-provoking.

Johnson and Riley create a rich variety of distinctive characters whose lines are taken verbatim from the interviews. Of all the characters Riley plays, it is the football player to whom he most relates.

"That is me," Riley said.

Like the character, Riley had the high grades and 1310 score on his SAT to get into Lehigh. But it was his football skills that got him attention, although he no longer plays.

"I only heard of Lehigh because of football. To this day, people still think I play football for Lehigh because I'm big and I'm black," he said.

Johnson said the play's point is not simply "woe is us." Rather, she said, "The experience may be difficult and not always welcoming. You have to engage and do what you came to school to do. You can't sit in a corner because someone called you a nigger."

"I don't expect this play to solve racism, but you can open up a dialogue for people who have not considered the experience. Most important, for the black students it may be hard, but there is still work to be done. They have to get out and engage in the community and university. It's just a springboard for life."

New online service created for colleges

by JOYCE GANNON
AP Writer

HAMPTON, Pa. (AP) - Imagine no longer having to root through boxes in the attic or basement for old term papers, class projects or examples of the work you have done.

That's the idea behind iWebfolio, an online service created by Hampton startup Nuventive. The service allows students as well as academic administrators and faculty to save, chronicle and monitor course work on the Web _ a sort of digital portfolio that uses the Internet to store stuff once squirreled away in forgotten or easy-to-misplace folders.

Users purchase personal accounts on the system _ the fee for individuals is $40 a year _ and can fill it with samples that can range from traditional print documents to audio and visual presentations. The system has a security feature that makes it accessible on the Internet, but only to other people the account holder designates, such as teachers, parents or classmates.

"People are drowning in data and need a good way to manage it," said David Raney, Nuventive's chief executive officer. "We see it as a lifelong tool for people to collect work samples and control access and dissemination of those things."

Nuventive also is targeting administrators and faculty who could use iWebfolio to assign and track class work, monitor students' progress and even assemble data to meet accreditation requirements. Two colleges - the State University of New York at Oswego and Denison University in Granville, Ohio - have purchased the product so far.

Beyond the higher education market, Nuventive believes there may be interest from K-12 school systems, where some education experts believe such portfolios could someday replace standard report cards. In Boston public schools, for instance, electronic report cards are being tested in a pilot study. Two-year-old Nuventive already had a track record in the educational market when it developed iWebfolio.

A sister company, Innervate Inc., markets a software program to medical schools and hospitals that use it to manage scheduling and other issues for residents and medical personnel. Innervate also developed TracDat, software that helps schools manage assessment of academic programs and student performance, and is working with North Side-based nonprofit Pressley Ridge Schools to develop software to help nonprofits reduce paperwork and streamline management.

Innervate and Nuventive are still relatively small. Combined, they employ 18 and generated annual sales of about $1.2 million last year, said Gary Choban, chief technology officer and one of Innervate's founders.

He added that Innervate, which was launched in 1995 under the name GCS Group, is profitable, "which is how we've been able to support Nuventive."

Nuventive also has benefited from two rounds of private financing totaling $400,000.

Raney, 48, a child psychiatrist and former University of Pittsburgh Medical Center faculty member who left to join a startup "because I decided I would never be happy unless I tried my own business," expects the electronic portfolio to have more money-making potential than the companies' other products.

"It meets many different needs and that's what's fun about it," he said. "It lets students collect work samples for their major, their adviser, their parents, a particular class or to apply for a job."

And because iWebfolio includes features for multimedia samples and attachments, "it's much deeper than a resume. It gives students documentation beyond their grades to present themselves upon graduation."

Though it isn't the first electronic portfolio to reach the market, Choban believes iWebfolio's security-access feature gives it an edge. And its design makes it suitable for more than just students and academics - professionals, executives and administrators also may find it useful, he said.

But several experts say the market for so-called e-portfolios is not yet big enough to support lots of commercial products.

"It's very small right now," said Ali Jafari, a professor of computer technology and one of the founders of an e-portfolio consortium at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

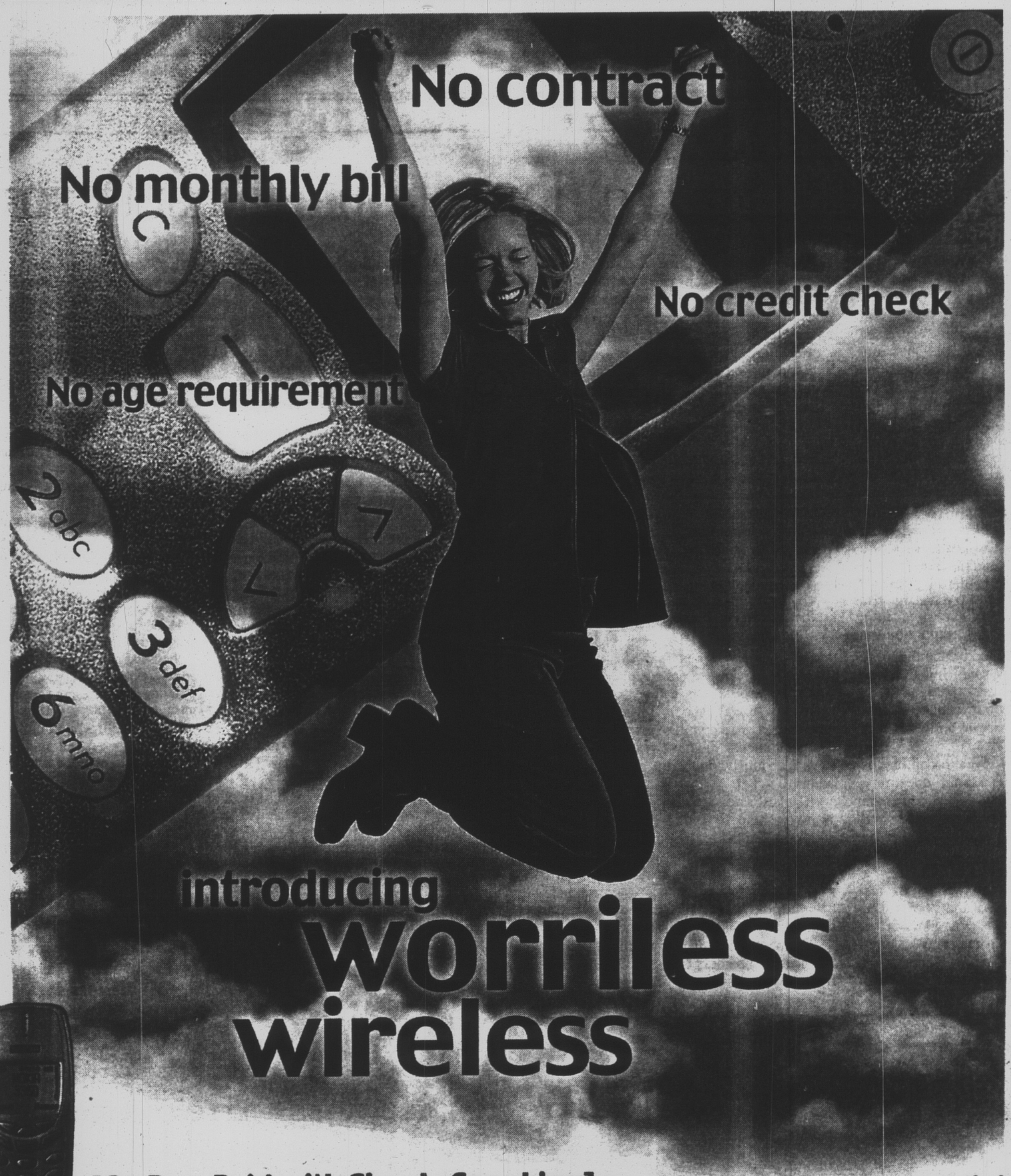
"Many schools are considering them but are not necessarily using them yet. Education in general is very slow to adapt and this is still a new notion, a new concept. We need a year or two to fully understand its potential and justify the investment that campuses need to put forward."

David DiBiase, director of the E-Education Institute at Penn State, agreed.

While "there's a lot of excitement about student e-portfolios in education, the extent that that's translated to market demand is questionable at this point," he said.

Rebecca Smith, founder of California-based eresumes.com and the author of books on electronic resumes and career networking, said firms currently developing e-portfolios should prepare for a market shakeout.

"It's the next bandwagon that everyone is trying to jump on and claim market share," she said. "It's like anything new: Companies will bombard you with products and services, and consumers don't yet have the information to make informed decisions."



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NATIONAL

Gays not allowed to donate blood

by Darryl Newman
AP Writer

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Students at New Mexico State University expressed their concern about gay people not being allowed to donate blood as United Blood Services mobile units were present on campus last week. Cesar Trujillo, president of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends at NMSU said in a phone interview that he attempted to donate blood his freshman year, but was denied because he was gay.

"I felt wrongfully excluded and discriminated against but I kind of see where it comes from. There was, and still is, a big scare," Trujillo said. Glenna Telles, the Las Cruces, N.M., center manager for United Blood Services, said anyone at a high risk for AIDS is not allowed to donate blood. According to Telles, NMSU is one of the largest blood-donating areas in the county. Telles said United Blood Services is not making a judgment on people's lifestyles, but cannot accept blood from people who are a high risk for HIV and AIDS.

Before a person gives blood, he is asked a series of personal questions. Trujillo explained that when a person wishes to give blood, he is not asked what his sexual orientation is, but whether he has ever engaged in same-sex intercourse.

"United Blood Services provides a very needed service, but some of the restrictions are outdated and need to be changed," Trujillo said. Josh Markle, a gay man and freshman majoring in government, said he has known about this donor qualification since his senior year of high school. "I think it's ridiculous, because anyone can carry AIDS. Just because two men have sex with each other doesn't mean they have a disease," Markle said.

Felicia Ribas, Spanish education major and sophomore at NMSU, said the position taken by UBS is discriminatory. "There is an equal risk factor for gay and straight people concerning AIDS," Ribas said. Ribas added that the public is not aware of this situation. "It just goes to show how far our country has to go, as far as the acceptance of gay people is concerned," Ribas said.

When Janice Blacker discovered that people who have had same-sex relations were prevented from donating blood, she was shocked. "My friend told me and I didn't think anyone could be that ignorant," said Blacker, who identifies herself as a heterosexual. Blacker has donated blood in the past and said she was not aware of the immediate disqualification. She was surprised by a few of the other questions. "I was asked if I have ever had sex with a monkey. It's just ridiculous. Even if someone did have sex with a monkey, I seriously doubt he or she would admit to it,"

Blacker said. Blacker said everyone wants to help in a tragedy such as the attacks of Sept. 11. "If someone has a disease, I understand that they shouldn't donate blood. People wanting to help shouldn't be restricted based on sexual orientation.United blood, not strictly straight blood," Blacker said.

The next blood drive by United Blood Services will be held Oct. 2 at Garcia Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telles said.

Civil rights activists petition against terrorist

by Jonathan York
AP Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Two civil rights groups filed a petition last week in a New York federal court asking that an American-born terrorism suspect receive a public trial.

The suspect, Jose Padilla, remains in a Navy brig in South Carolina without access to his court-appointed lawyer, Donna R. Newman. Federal officials detained Padilla in May for allegedly conspiring to assemble a radioactive bomb. Though he has not been charged with any crime, he was since designated an "enemy combatant."

When the U.S. government detains an individual, "due process demands that the government adhere to the traditional elements of accusation, trial, conviction and punishment," according to the petition, filed jointly by the national American Civil Liberties Union, its New York state division and the Center for National Security Studies.

The petition argues that Padilla "is entitled to be tried or released from his present confinement." The groups' involvement follows months of legal turmoil in which Newman has tried to determine what rights her client still has. On June 11, she filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus to challenge the legality of Padilla's confinement. A decision on the writ is pending.

Padilla is one of three American citizens — along with John Walker Lindh and Yasser Esam Hamdi — who have been detained as enemy combatants. While Lindh recently accepted a plea bargain in which the government would no longer classify him as an enemy combatant, Hamdi remains in military custody in Virginia with no access to his lawyer.

The "enemy combatant" classification comes from the 1949 Geneva Conventions, according to visiting University of Texas-Austin law professor Ron Sievert. The watchdog group Human Rights Watch argues on its Web site, www.hrw.org, that to classify Padilla as an enemy combatant, "the U.S. government would need to demonstrate ... a clear nexus between his activities and the armed conflict with the United States in Afghanistan."

According to an article by Robert A. Levy of the Cato Institute — a policy research group — the Supreme Court decision Ex Parte Quirin (1942) gave the government authority to try "unlawful combatants," by military tribunal. But Levy points out that the government shows no desire to try Padilla in any court.

Instead, U.S. officials remain adamant that Padilla was an agent of the terrorist group al Qaeda. A June 9 presidential order instructs Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to "receive Mr. Padilla ... and to detain him as an enemy combatant."

Among reasons for the detention, the president mentions interrogation: "Mr. Padilla possesses intelligence, including intelligence about personnel and activities of al Qaeda, that ... would aid U.S. efforts to prevent attacks by al Qaeda," according to a copy of the order. The complaint from Newman, Padilla's lawyer, claims that he was taken into military custody the day of the order for interrogation, with no notice to her. She has been kept from seeing Padilla since.

"The safety of all Americans and the national security interests of the United States require that [Padilla] be detained by the Defense Department as an enemy combatant," U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft told the press the next day.

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INTERNATIONAL

Christians fight for rights

By Abdul Sattar
AP Writer

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) - A small bomb exploded outside a remote village church Sunday, hours after thousands took to the streets in Pakistan's largest city demanding government protection of the country's minority Christian community.

The small, crude device was planted near a wall that surrounds a non-denominational church in the impoverished Sibi district of southwestern Baluchistan province, police officer Bashir Kohlo said. There were no casualties.

The explosion frightened the small Christian community living in the remote area about 100 miles east of Quetta, the provincial capital. Most of the 10 families living in the area are Christians, Kohlo said.

"People were panicked but fortunately no one was near the wall and no one was hurt," said Bashir Ahmad, another police officer. He said the church was closed at the time and sustained no damage from the explosion.

Pakistani Information Minister Nisar Memon said authorities did not know who was responsible for the bombing. Suspicion immediately fell on Islamic extremists, although he also suggested it could be the work of a "neighboring country" - a thinly veiled reference to Pakistan's rival and neighbor India.

The attack came after a large-scale demonstration in the southern port city and commercial hub of Karachi by 10,000 Pakistanis who gathered at a memorial for seven Christian charity workers shot execution-style at their office on Wednesday. The killings at the Institute for Peace and Justice ended a lull in strikes on Christian and Western targets in Pakistan.

No arrests have been made in connection with that attack or Sunday's bombing.

The demonstrators, predominantly Christians, filled the streets around Karachi's main cathedral, calling for increased security for Christians and the arrest of the gunmen who massacred the seven.

Angry protesters - some carrying crucifixes - blocked roads with makeshift barricades and garbage and shouted demands for Pakistan's interior minister to resign for failing to bring a stop to the deadly attacks.

Many demonstrators wore T-shirts reading "We Want Justice," and carried black banners and crosses.

Eight men carried an oak coffin containing one of the victims to the St. Patrick's cathedral. The coffin was draped in the Pakistani flag and emblazoned with a cross.

"Martyrs, we are ashamed your killers are alive," demonstrators shouted outside the cathedral.

Wednesday's killings were the latest of several fatal attacks blamed on Islamic militants since President Pervez Musharraf joined the U.S. war on terror in neighboring Afghanistan and decided to crack down on extremists at home.

On Sunday, Christian leaders said they were being victimized by the fallout from those decisions.

"Christians are paying the price for the bombing in Afghanistan," said Michael Javed, a former Christian lawmaker.

At least 36 people have been killed and about 100 injured in several acts of violence against Christians and Westerners.

About 3.8 million Christians, accounting for 2.5 percent of the population, live in Pakistan, which is 96 percent Muslim. The country is also home to very small numbers of Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists.

Five rapists sentenced to public hanging

By Ali Akbar Dareini
AP Writer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Five men convicted of abducting, raping and robbing women were hanged Sunday in the Tehran neighborhoods they were charged with terrorizing.

One member of the gang police dubbed the "black vultures," Payam Amini, asked for forgiveness just before being hanged.

"True, we are guilty but we didn't kill anybody. We do not deserve to die, but I want everybody to forgive me," he told reporters before being hanged from the crane of a tow truck.

As he neared death, Amir Karbalaei shouted he was innocent to the crowd that had been gathering since dawn to see him hang.

Amir Fakhri and Farhad Aqnarian were hanged at a bus terminal in western Tehran. Karbalaei, Majid Qasemi and Amini were hanged in the northeastern Lavizan district.

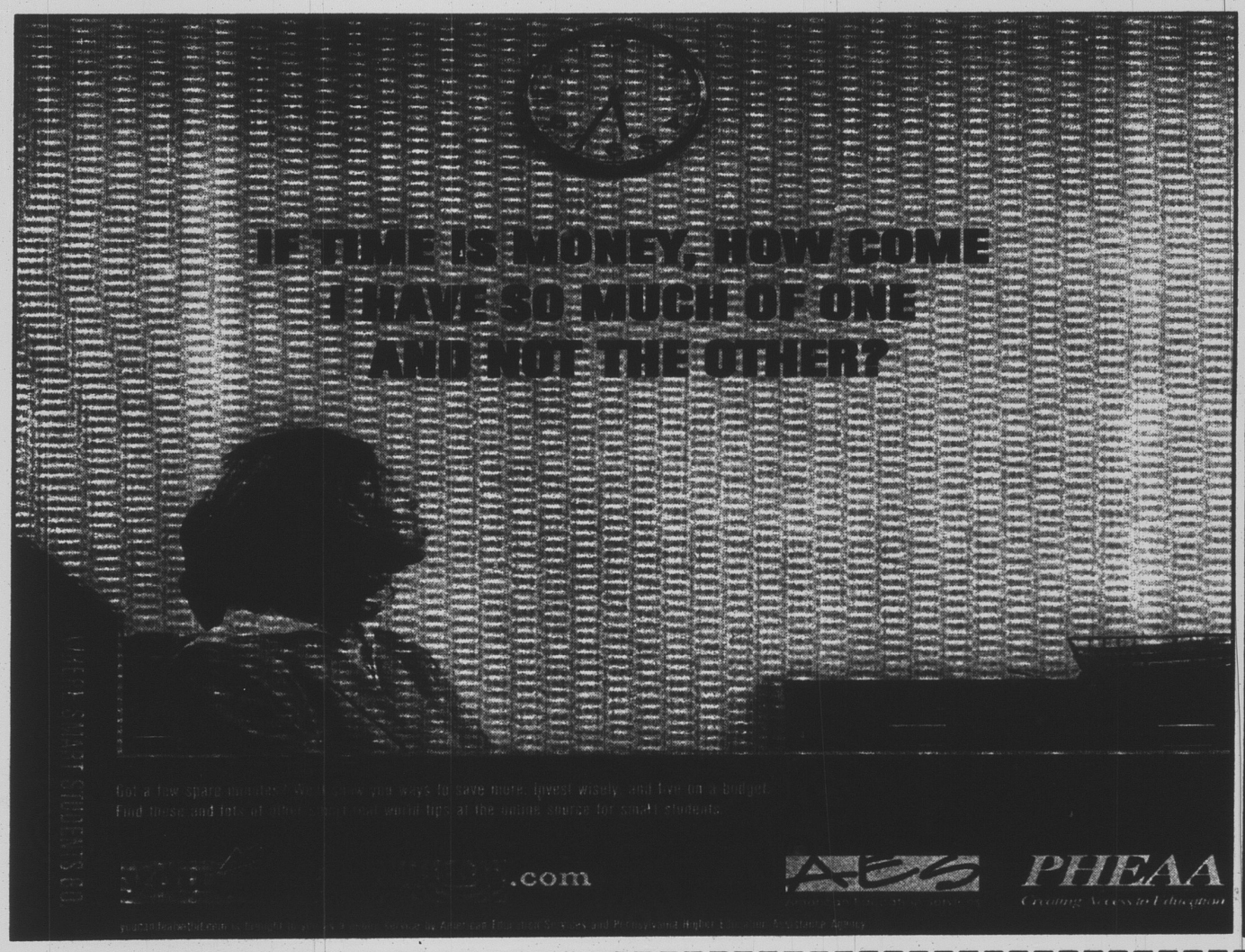
The five, all in their early 20s, were arrested in December 2001. Officials have not said how many women were attacked.

Friends of the convicts in the crowd at Karbalaei's hanging detonated homemade grenades, but no one was injured. The bodies were left hanging for at least half an hour.

The mother of one of men fainted twice as she watched him hang.

There had been no public announcement of the verdicts. Iran's Supreme Court upheld a lower court's sentence last week.

Convicts are hanged in public in Iran only if a court deems that their offenses injured public sentiments.



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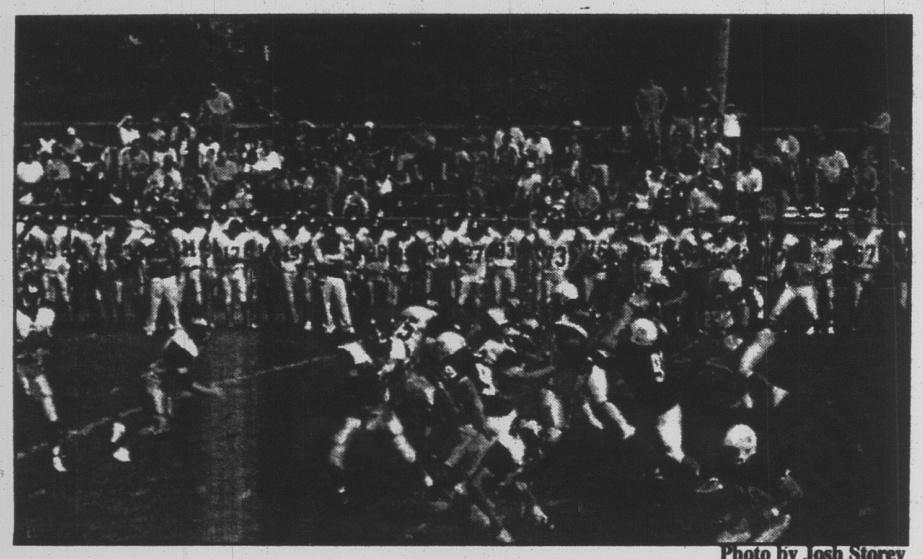
Titan Football posts win over Gators



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The Westminster College football team improved to 2-1 on the season Saturday at Harold Burry Stadium in New Wilmington, as the Titan gridders posted a 24-13 non-conference victory over the Allegheny Gators (1-2). It was the second consecutive win for the Titans after a season-opening 28-26 loss to Walsh (ranked #11 in NAIA).

After playing a scoreless first quarter, the Titans broke the scoring ice on the first play of the second quarter, as sophomore tailback Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) scored on a 12-yard run, capping a six-play, 59-yard drive for a 7-0 Titan advantage. The lead stretched to 14-0 just 1:08 before halftime, as Froelich caught a short pass from junior quarterback Kevin Huber (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.) and raced 49 yards for another score and a 14-0 Titan advnatage.

The lead stretched to 17-0 on the first Westminster drive of the second half, as the Titans drove 55 yards on eight plays culminating with a 35-yard field goal by sophomore Josh Simpson (Houston/Chartiers-Houston H.S.) with 6:13 left in the third period. Allegheny managed to dent the scoring column near the end of the third quarter, as Luke Peiger hauled in a 63-yard scoring pass from Bubba Smith to cut the Titan lead to 17-7 after three periods.

In the final period, Westminster added an insurance touchdown with 12:50 to play, as sophomore wide receiver Matt Steve (Greensburg/Hempfield H.S.) hauled in a Huber pass and raced 70 yards for a touchdown, building a 24-7 lead for Westminster. The Gators added a 10-yard TD pass from Smith to Jamie Sye with 9:18 to play, but would get no closer.

Froelich led the Titan offense by rolling up 239 yards of total offense, rushing 32 times for a season-high 187 yards and catching a pair of passes for 52 yards. It was his third consecutive 100-yard rushing effort in three games this season, and the sixth of his young collegiate career. Huber completed 9-of-13 passes for 183 yards with one interception and two touchdowns. Steve hauled in three catches for 91 yards to lead the receiving corps. Smith led Allegheny in rushing (19 carries for 78 yards) and passing (16-of-37 for 245 yards).

Defensively, senior middle linebacker Joe Bianco (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.) posted a team-high 11 tackles (nine solo, two assisted) and 1 1/2 sacks in the win for Westminster while also blocking an Allegheny field goal attempt in the first half. Sophomore safety Clint DeLuca (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) also made his first career interception for Westminster, while sophomore outside linebacker Nick Fritch (Cheswick/Fox Chapel H.S.) added a pair of sacks. Derek Vikara posted an interception for the Gators in the loss.

The Titans open Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition next Saturday, Oct. 5, as Westminster travels to face #24 Washington & Jefferson College (2-1, 1-0 PAC) in Washington, Pa., at 2 p.m.

WC Sports briefs

Men's Soccer

The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 6-3-2 overall and a perfect 5-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today, as the Titans posted a 6-0 home shutout over league rival Waynesburg in New Wilmington. With the win, Westminster remained in first place in the PAC, percentage points ahead of Bethany (4-0-1 in PAC play). The Titans have now won five straight games, all shutouts and all over PAC opponents, outscoring their opposition 17-0 during that span.

Westminster scored three times in the opening half, then added three insurance goals in the second period. Junior forwards Matthew Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) and Todd Fisher (Grove City/Grove City H.S.)led the way offensively with two goals apiece, with Fisher adding an assist. Senior Carl Baldwin (Ridgway/Ridgway H.S.) and freshman Anthony Makuch-Lott (Abilene, TX/Cooper H.S.) added single goals. Sophomore midfielder John Booth (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) recorded a pair of assists, while three players posted single assists: senior Tony Arrigo (Pittsburgh/Plum H.S.), junior Scott Depasquale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) and sophomore Christian Davoli (Enon, OH/Greenon H.S.).

Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) made two saves in the first 70 minutes of the shutout, before giving way to sophomore Rick Walker (Struthers, OH/Cardinal Mooney H.S.) who made three saves in the last 20 minutes in goal. The Titans outshot the Yellow Jackets 46-6 and held a 5-0 advantage in corner kicks.

The Titan men's soccer team is off until next Wednesday, Oct. 9, when Westminster travels to face PAC rivla Grove City College at 4 p.m. The Titans topped GCC 2-0 in New Wilmington on Sept. 25.

Women's Tennis

The Westminster College women's tennis team fell to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titan netters were defeated by Grove City College 8-1. GCC won two of three doubles contests, then swept all six singles slots.

The lone win for Westminster came from the #3 doubles team of senior Molly Householder (Library/South Park H.S.) and junior Meghan Medvick (Pittsburgh/Thomas Jefferson H.S.).

Westminster women's tennis returns to action on Thursday (Oct. 3), as the Lady Titans travel to face Bethany College. The match will not count in the PAC standings.

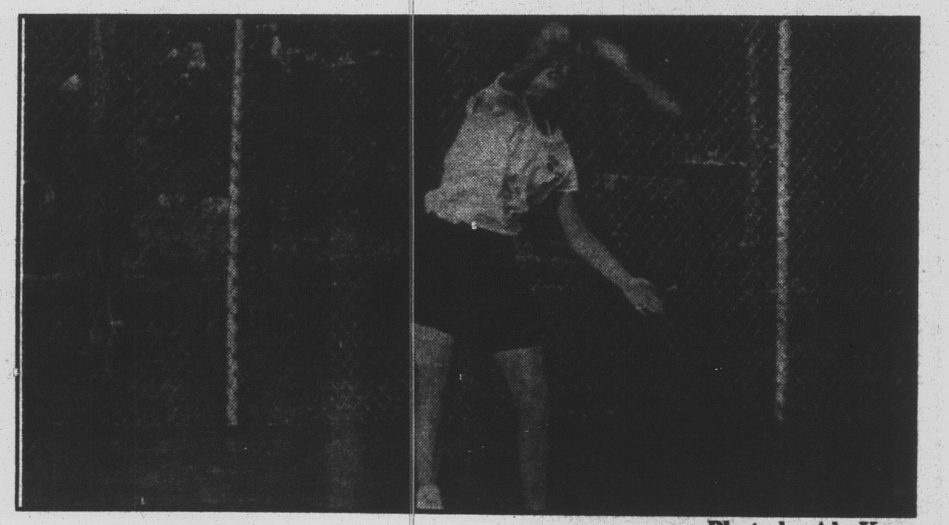
Women's Soccer

The Westminster women's soccer team improved to 5-5 overall and 1-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans posted an 8-0 shutout over visiting Waynesburg College. Westminster scored four goals in the first half, then added four more in the second to clinch the win.

Three Lady Titans - senior forwards Tammy Newell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) and Katie Krone (Sebastopol, CA/Analy H.S.) and junior forward Alyssa Pyle (Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.) - led the way offensively with two goals apiece. Krone added two assists on the afternoon, as did classmate Ashley Tonks (Erie/Harbor Creek H.S.) and sophomore Katie Fisher (Berea, OH/Berea H.S.). Posting single goals were senior defender Krissy Edmonds (Irwin/Hempfield H.S.) and sophomore midfielder Jen Raub (Trucksville/Dallas H.S.), while sophomore Angie DePascale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) added a solo assist.

The shutout was shared in goal by sophomore Lady Titan goalkeepers Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.), Lisa Santoriella (South Euclid, OH/Beaumont H.S.) and Laura Vollmer (Butler/Butler H.S.). Santoriella made two saves. Westminster outshot Waynesburg 33-2 in the contest.

The Lady Titan kickers are back in action on Saturday (Oct. 5), as they travel to face PAC rival Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., at 11 a.m.



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Cross Country

Titan Men, Ialongo Post Wins at St. Vincent Cross Country Invitational

The Westminster College men's and women's cross country teams each competed this weekend at the St. Vincent College Invitational in Latrobe. The Titan men captured the event, topping three other teams for the team title. The Lady Titan harriers placed third in a six-team field, although Westminster junior Sara Ialongo (Ellwood City/Lincoln H.S.) did capture the individual title in 21:00.

The Titan men placed 10 runners among the top 16 finishers at the event. Leading the way was junior Sean Gallagher (Valencia/Mars Area H.S.) and senior Dan Beckwith (Monroeville/Gateway H.S.), who placed fourth and fifth, respectively, each in 28:32. Other top Titan finishers included senior Bryan Mackrell (Valencia/Knoch H.S.), who was seventh in 29:12; junior Tim Snyder (Monaca/Center H.S.), who placed eighth in 29:16; and junior John Libert (McDonald/Fort Cherry H.S.), who finished ninth in 29:18.

In addition to Ialongo's winning performance, other top Lady Titan finishers include senior Nikki Beaver (Library/South Park H.S.), who was fifth in 21:38; senior Nikki Flickinger (West Middlesex/West Middlesex H.S.), who placed 14th in 22:17; sophomore Felicie Reid (North Lima, OH/South Range H.S.), who finished 19th in 22:51; and freshman Tiffany Walker (Somerset/Somerset H.S.), who was 27th in 23:35.

NFL Weekly

Weekly predictions on the upcoming weekend:

by Steven Brink
Sporst Writer

Tampa Bay at Atlanta

Wow! What a rough week for me. I'll try and improve this time around. Even though Atlanta is 1-2, this will still be one of the most exciting games of the day. Michael Vick is electrifying. He could single-handedly beat the Bucs. Will that happen? You might be surprised. Tampa Bay is a very solid team and I believe they will be a force in the playoffs. However, don't be surprised if Atlanta wins this game. The Falcons could easily be 3-0; the two games they lost were by a combined total of 4 points. This game will be my upset special for the week. The Falcons will win in another nail biter.

Oakland at Buffalo

Tough game to analyze. Oakland is playing great football, but the Bills have somehow managed to scrape together a 2-2. record. I like Drew Bledsoe a lot. He is a perfect fit for the Bills. His leadership and strength will help Buffalo to a winning record this year. It's too bad they'll lose this game though. Oakland is way too strong. Jerry Rice looks like he is 25 years old again; This game will be close, but I can't see Bledsoe pulling through with another miracle finish. Oakland will win by a touchdown.

NY Giants at Dallas

Who knows with this gamer The Giants have been playing so inconsistent offensively. Quarterback Kerry Collins started off the season great, but now he can 't put together a scoring drive. New York's defense however, has kept them in every game; so obviously this game will be close too. I don't want to pick the Giants, but can I really pick a team that lost to the Texans? Dallas is playing at home and that should help Quincy Carter quite a bit. This game could go either way, but I'll go with the Cowboys.

Washington at Tennessee

Maybe it will take Steve Spurrier a few years to see how the NFL really works. It's always exciting to watch the Redskins play because of their fun and gun offense. DannyWuerffel will likely be the Starter this week for Washington. Does it matter though? Spurrier needs to find a quarterback who is capable of running his. type of offense before he can be successful. The Redskins will score points, but I don't think they can outscore Eddie George and the Titans. Tennessee will win.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis

The Cincinnati Bengals; enough said. Look for Peyton Manning to have a huge day against the Bengal secondary. Cincinnati will play hard, but they don't have the talent to compete with the marquee teams. The Indy offense will have a big day as they roll over the Bengals.

New England at Miami

Both teams are coming off shocking losses last week. New England played good against the Chargers, but they had a lot of trouble stopping the run. Look out. The Pats have to deal with Ricky Williams this week. This is going to be a great game! The Dolphins are the real deal. I think they have a Super Bowl caliber team. Miami will run the football all day and wear out the New England defense. The Dolphins will eventually pull through with the win at home.

Pittsburgh at New Orleans

I went against the Steelers last week and it came back to haunt me. Tommy Maddox came in and gave Pittsburgh fans a new reason to cheer. He will be the starter this week. Maddox is on a roll and the heroic win has given the Steelers plenty of confidence. This would be a huge win for Pittsburgh; it would put them right back in the race for the division lead. The Saints are playing at home but the loss to the Lions is the reason.I can't pick them this week. Pittsburgh will go into New Orleans and get a much needed win.

Arizona at Carolina

The Panthers showed everyone the were for real by hanging tough in Green Bay and almost sending the game to overtime. This week they have an easier Cardinal team. Carolina is on upset alert. Arizona has played decent so far and one of there losses was to undefeated San I)iego. 1 think the Cardinals have a great chance to beat Carolina. Arizona will win in a mild upset.

Kansas City at NY Jets

Thankfully, this game is at home for New York. They would have no chance if it was being played in KC. The question for the Jets is whether or not they can score any points. And if they can, will they be able to keep up with the high-powered Chiefs? The answer to both questions is no. Priest Holmes of the Chiefs will run all over the Jet defense. Hey, at least the Jets have a bye next week. Kansas City will win by a co~ple of touchdowns.

San Diego at Denver

It's the game of the day. San Diego is for real. I said last week that they would give the Pats all they could handle. San Diego's defense is what really impresses me. Recently, they signed first round draft pick Quinten Jammer, and he has been a huge addition for that secondary. Meanwhile, Denver looked awful at times on Monday Night, but did show some courage by making it a game in the fourth quarter. The Broncos are a very solid team, but I still like the Chargers in this one. It will be very close, but San Diego will pull it out in the end.

St. Louis at San Francisco

A loss this weekend would end any hopes of St Louis reaching the playoffs. The Rams have won six straight over the 4gers but don't expect them to make it seven. Every game between these two teams are close, and I expect this game to be no different However, San Francisco is playing at home and, without Kurt Warner, don't anticipate the Rams scoring very many points; not that they had been scoring any with Warrener. The 49ers will win at home.

Philadelphia at Jacksonville

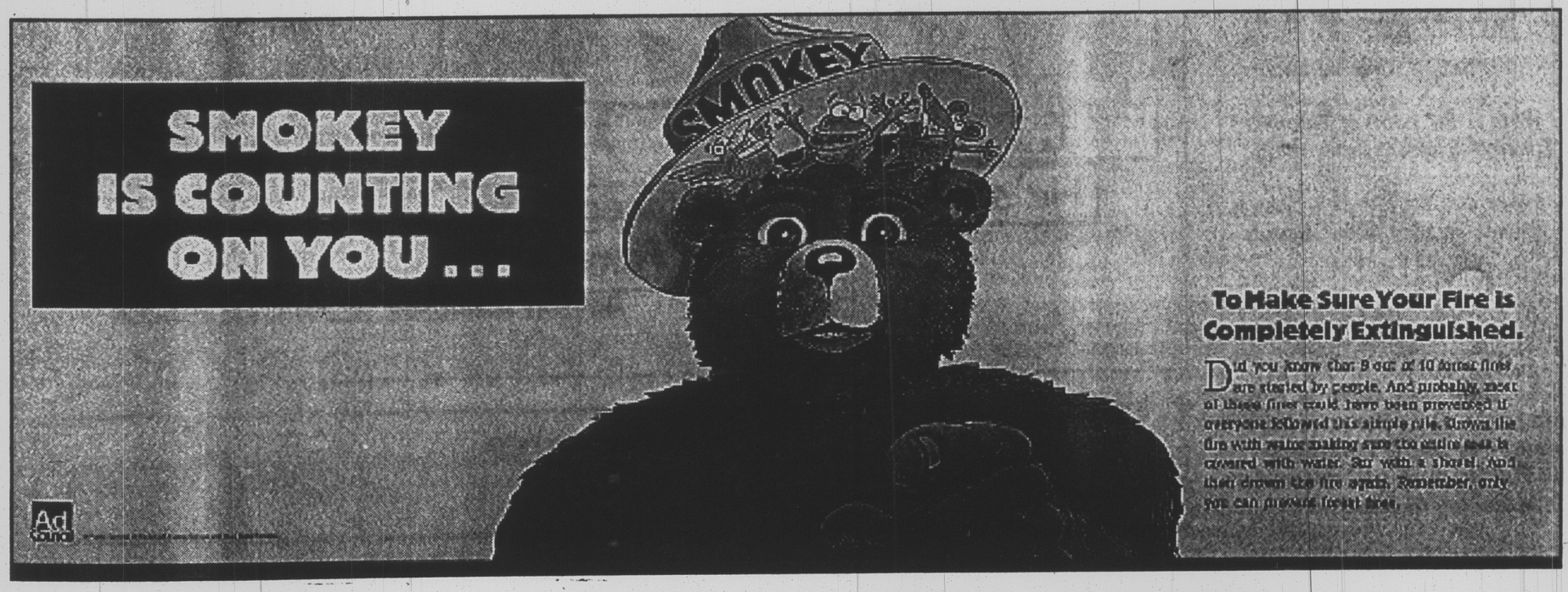
This too will be a great game to watch. Donavan McNabb is the most exciting player in the game. Philly rolled allover Houston last week, but they have a much tougher task this weekend. Jacksonville is playing well and dismantled the Jets last Sunday. They have a lot of confidence but can they beat Philadelphia? This game will be decided possibly in overtime, butl-still think the Eagles are too strong.

Baltimore at Cleveland

Cleveland is a helmet throw and a blocked field goal away ffom being 4-0. Butch Davis is an excellent coach and I like what he's done with that franchise. The Browns played okay against Pittsburgh last week. They can't expect to play like that and beat a solid Baltimore team though. The Raven were very impressive on Monday Night and I think they could streak off a couple of wins after their performance. Look for the Ravens to upset the Browns in Cleveland.

Green Bay at Chicago

This game is for first place in the "black-and-blue" division. Chicago is coming off two disappointing loses while Green Bay is pumped about its dazzling win against the Panthers. Brett Farve has still got the magic. I think the Packers could real separate themselves from the rest of the division with a win in Chicago on Monday. Chicago will. play hard, but I think the Packers will get a tough road win in Chicago.



OPINION

Rant and Rave

The chia-grass is growing nicely.

Where is the privacy on this campus?

You two are always right, about everything. Always...I love Canada eh...

I love it when the word "orgasm" is used during class.

Snarf!

Yay pickle!

Twice security has almost run me over.

On a campus where there are only frat parties isn't it weird that we aren't invited?

Why is the internet so slow?

Rant...Rave...Rant...Rave!

Stick that in your bra and like it!

You will be treated according to how you act.

Camels have humps.

Let's hear it for no water in the cafeteria for four days! Yay!

Is it just me or does the campus have a funny smell?

Night classes are the devil!

I'd like to wake up now.

What is the point of TitanNet? It never seems to be working.

I love that the Honor's class is basicaly Inquiry 400a. I can't escape it. Help!

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to class I go.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Jeans Day

In less than a week the campus will be flooded with students and teachers showing their support of nondiscrimination and anti-hate. Allies will be sponsoring Jeans Day next Thursday, October 10. For those of you who are new to Westminster, or those who may have missed it the past few years, Jeans Day is a sort of holiday. Well, not really, but it is a nationally recognized event. What do you do on this holiday? Decorate trees? Give out candy? Sing songs? No, all you do is wear a pair of jeans. No big deal.

Many people assume that wearing jeans on Jeans Day makes you a homosexual. This is far from the truth, and those who make that assumption are only showing their ignorance. By wearing jeans, you are showing that you are against any type of discrimination in any form. Jeans Day is a kind of peaceful protest. Our parents have told us stories about protesting in college. Here is your chance.

You may not be aware of this, but Westminster is rated as one of the most homophobic schools in the country. That is not something to be proud of. Over the past few years, with the help of Allies, Black Student Union and countless students and professors, our school has dropped on that list. We are no longer in the top ten, but we still have a way to go. Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, spoke on our campus last year, which could not have happened even three years earlier.

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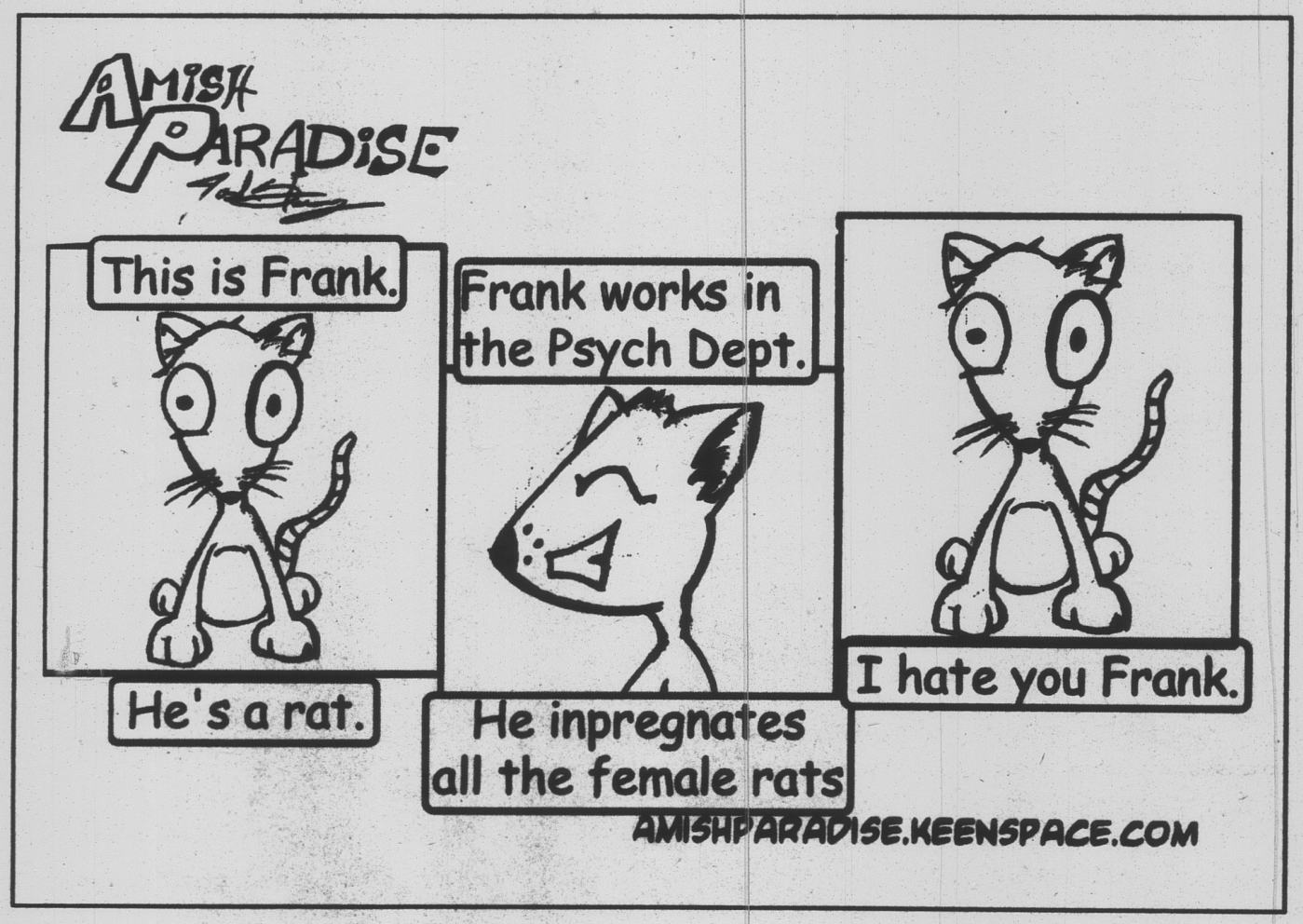
Maybe you are going to be somewhere next Thursday where wearing jeans would be against dress code, or maybe you do not own a pair (yes there are people in this world who do not own jeans). That's fine; the members of Allies will be passing out jean ribbons that can be worn throughout the day. Maybe you fight against discrimination in other ways and do not feel the need to show it off by wearing jeans. Good for you. No one should be tormented for wearing jeans next Thursday, but on the same vein, no one should be chastised for not wearing jeans. Discrimination can go both ways.

Whether you wear jeans or not next Thursday, whether you display a simple ribbon or go dressed in full denim, at least stop by some of the many events that are planned for the day. Give nondiscrimination a try. If you don't agree with what is being said, then have a mature discussion with someone there. The students, staff and faculty running the events would be more than happy to talk with anyone about anything.

Members of Allies will be traveling to the first-year dorms this Monday and Tuesday to talk about Jeans Day and nondiscrimination. Check with the residence directors to find out when you can attend the meetings.



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Letter to the Editor

I am writing in response to a question that was asked in last week's Rant and Rave column (which for some reason has been transformed into a column of random comments and inside jokes, but that's a whole different issue). An anonymous person posed the question "Why do we have RA's? Luckily for this person, I believe I have the answer.

First, those RA's who are brave enough to work in freshmen buildings provide a link between the new students and their new college world. These RA's provide an invaluable resource to first-year students socially, academically, psychologically, and physically (To clarify for anyone who does not understand what I mean when I say physically, I think its safe to say any RA who has worked on a freshmen hall knows what it's like to help a student who just recently found out how many beers it actually takes to make themselves actually not mind lying on the bathroom floor in Russell).

Secondly, RA's on upperclass halls have a slightly different function. Ideally the RA's only job would be to provide a comfortable environment for learning and opportunities for residents to grow socially and intellectually. In reality the RA has to enforce policy, which I assume is the root of the question "Why do we need RA's?" The answer to that question is simple, we need RA's because the sad truth is, that although we are all in college, and legally considered adults, some of us fail to live up to that classification. Windows are broken, computers and campus signs are stolen, roommates fight over petty issues, binge drinking is rampant, leading to disregard for others, violence, vandalism, or worse. Do we as RA's enjoy dealing with these issues? Do we enjoy having to discipline our peers? I think I speak for all of the RA's on campus when I say no, we do not. Unfortunately, we will continue to have to do it until everyone decides to grow up and act like an adult.

Matthew Mough

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HAVE AN OPINION?

SEND US A LETTER.

Dear Editor,

I really appreciated Glynnis' honesty in her article, as I can empathize and agree. I dejectedly accepted Westminster without even visiting, after narrowly missing my first choice. I experienced the same frustrations and pressures as Glynnis, so I wanted to share my story with you.

When I first set foot on campus, I was inspired by the beauty. The air was sharp and clean, a welcome change from city toxins. The lake, (though greenish by day), shimmered at night when reflecting the stars. The trees scattered colorful leaves across the pavement, and the stone buildings, steeped in academic tradition, were reminiscent of the structures in my English novels.

But, despite the beauty I felt, the smiling students I saw, and the enthusiastic teachers I met, I felt estranged, disconnected not only from the "community", but from myself.

I won't lie. I've been trying to escape this place from the beginning. I ran to UNC after my first year, but became sick with loneliness. Later, I jumped the internship bandwagon and shipped off to Orlando to work for the Mouse. Then I transferred to Duquesne. To my surprise, I fond myself back here in November; "visiting friends". After a wonderful reunion, I spent half a night circling the lake, gazing at the flagpole, and lingering on Patterson's wall. I was hit with memories, and my heart constricted, whether from longing, regret, confusion, I'm not sure. My mind wandered to the majestic Christmas Concert I'd been fortunate to be a part of, the weekend football games, and the elaborate formals. I thought about those late-night-throw-on-a-bandana-and-grab-the-combos study crams, the self-revealing fraternity parties, and the bonds formed from heartbreaks and growing up.

I realized that despite my frustrations and confusions, I wasn't disconnected, I was linked to this school, and to its people. I also realized that you can be at the most prestigious school in the country, but without meaningful relationships, any academic pursuit eventually feels hollow.

People complain. They mostly complain about what they don't understand, what they haven't taken the time to explore, and what they haven't given a proper chance. I agree that Westminster is "old-fashioned" in many ways. Compared to other schools, Westminster is conservative, and on the whole, we do lack diversity. But there is a wealth of opportunity here, if you learn where to tap in. Take it from someone who spent her life running. Overlook the stereotypes, appreciate what Westminster can offer you, then soak it all up, while you still can.

Rachel Lange

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Biz at the Movies | Sweet Home Alabama

Sweet Home Alabama
Biz Adams

"Sweet Home Alabama," directed by Andy Tennant and written by C. Jay Cox, was not what I expected. While watching a romantic comedy, I usually spend my time making fun of the characters and their hackneyed lines, looking at my watch and wishing the movie would end. Few romantic comedies have escaped this reaction; Sweet Home Alabama is one of them.

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The lovable Reese Witherspoon plays displaced southerner Melanie Carmichael, whose real last name is Smooter, making her way in New York City as an up-and-coming fashion designer. Everything is going her way: a new clothing line, a promising career and a JKF Jr.-esque boyfriend who proposes in such a way that even I wanted to say yes. Melanie accepts, and then races back to sweet home Alabama to tell her parents the news-parents who she hasn't seen in seven years. No concrete reason is ever given for the parental hiatus. I guess everyone was just really busy?

As Melanie rolls up to her old town and old life, it is apparent she left some loose ends in Alabama, including her estranged husband Jake, played by Josh Lewis, a gaggle of over-the-top redneck friends and two loving parents who want her to have a better life than they did. Refreshingly, she's no angel. Melanie is at times condescending to the people she grew up with, harsh to her family and embarrassed of her past, as we all can be at sometime or another. But she melts back into being good ol' Melanie Smooter as quickly as she falls back into a realistic southern accent (Witherspoon is a Tennessee native).

With a wedding to plan, divorce papers to sign and planes to catch, Melanie's days in Alabama are whirlwinds of activity, including jaunts to the local honky-tonk bar, which her mother-in-law owns, a friendly middle-of-the-week carnival (I only see these in movies) and various bump-ins with Jake, who has spent seven years "bettering" himself so he could win Melanie back, but, when he gets the opportunity, he takes things gradually. In fact, most of the movie moves slowly, spanning months instead of days, which is a plus in my book. And at the end, people clapped. I love when that happens in a movie theater, and it's most likely to occur on opening night.

The one problem I had with this movie was that the male lead looks so much like my ex-boyfriend I was freaked out. But, Ryan-look-alike aside, I enjoyed this movie a lot and recommend it. Go see it on the big screen.

New band prepares to tour with Hoobastank

by Isaac Ludwig
Staff Writer

I sat down last Wednesday with lead singer Ryan Jordan and guitarist Andrew Dwiggins from the band Greenwheel. After the release of their first major label debut, Some Holiday, the band went on the road with Our Lady Peace and Audiovent.

Their song "Shelter" was featured on the Spiderman soundtrack and their current single "Breath" is in rotation on MTV2 and holds the number 37 on the Alternative Rock charts. The band's single is one spot ahead of Hoobastank's current single on the charts. The Pittsburgh date was the second stop their tour with Island label mates Hoobastank.

The title of the record, Soma Holiday, is a reference to Aldous Huxley's Brave New World: In Huxley's book, Soma was a perfect drug that would produce a euphoric high with no side effects.

"When we were talking about the name [of the CD] and why we wanted to use the name and why it spoke to us, it was kind of like, we're always at a loss for words for how it feels to play music for people and how to create music, and that's kind of like our perfect drug," Dwiggins said. "It's like, once you get on tour you always want to tour, once you get writing songs you never want to stop."

Every fledgling band gets compared to someone else and Greenwheel is no stranger to this phenomena. Some say they sound like Matchbox 20, while others say their music is comparable to Our Lady Peace, and of course there's always that ever-lurking Pearl Jam comparison.

"When people say I sound like Rob Thomas (Matchbox 20), it's like, well of course I sound like Rob Thomas," Jordan said. "I think too many people rely on comparisons these days. It's all how you want to take it. Comparisons are comparisons and my influences are heavier now than they are going to be 10 years from now."

The band already sees its music evolving. "We have a lot of faith that the next record is going to be more and more unique and less and less other artists," Dwiggins said. "We had a year-and-a-half from the final mix-down until it [Soma Holiday] was released. So there was some dead time in there where we just hung out and wrote songs a bunch as a band, and everybody's got their own ideas that they work on while we're on the road. You know, just pick up a guitar and record some small ideas, so I think we'll have a lot of material to work from when we go to the next record."

Being on the road at such a young age is hard for some people to understand. "Most of our friends are in school and it's kind of hard to like, friends family anyone, to explain to them what we do," Jordan said. "They never really are going to understand it unless they do it themselves, because everybody has been kind of been brainwashed to think that what that the rock and roll lifestyle is sex, drugs and rock and roll. But that's the fringe benefits, so to speak."

After the interview the band members sat down to play some video games, one of the band's favorite on-the-bus activities. As they were playing, the members of Hoobastank walked past the bus with wigs and fake mustaches and were swarmed by girls.

For more information on the band along with a full photo spread, interview text and other goodies go http://members.tripod.com/~MrSmilely

Celebrity Series begins year with 5th Dimension

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

Where else but Westminster can you find top-notch entertainment for free? A simple call to Connie McGinnis, WC's Celebrity Series miracle worker, will get you a front row seat for a nightly show of singing, dancing, and musical stylings from yesterday and today's incredible performers. A note to all first year students: take advantage of this opportunity. Not only may you hear some of the songs you've heard blasting from your parent's stereos, but you may take along a couple new favorite tunes of your own.

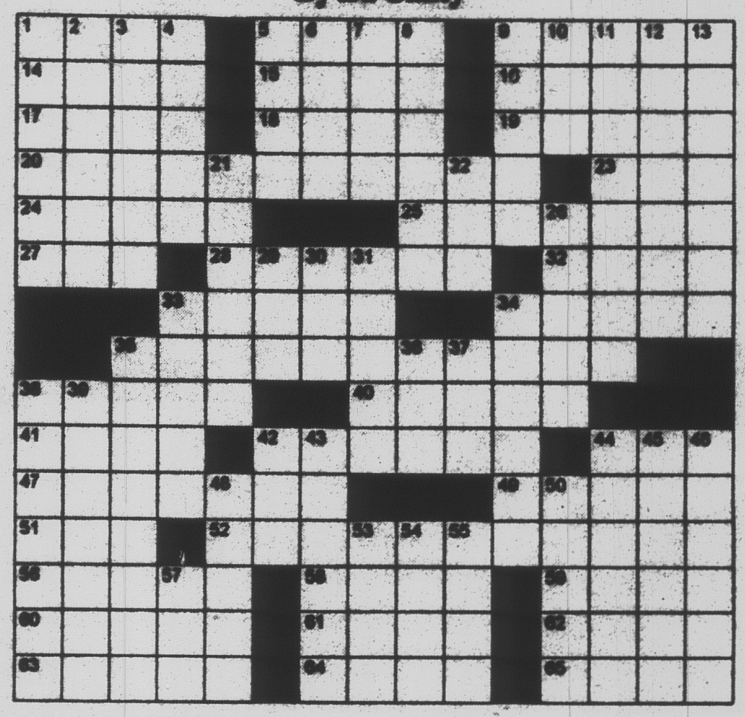
Last Saturday, Westminster welcomed The 5th Dimension, a singing group of the sixties and seventies. According to the baby boomer generation, this group was no "one hit wonder". Having a total of ten songs making it into the Billboard's top ten is enough proof of their musical success having gone, "Up, Up, and Away" to the top of the stacks of our parent's albums. For a time period of six weeks back in March of 1969, the group's song, "Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In," rested comfortably at number one on the Billboard charts. Florence LaRue, LaMonte McLemore, Greg Walker, Willie Williams, and Van Jewel certainly put on a good show and are invited to headline regularly fromLas Vegas to Atlantic City. They appear in non-stop concert tours throughout the United States and beyond. No wonder they were asked to perform here in New Wilmington among some of music's finest, in our Celebrity Series.

Celebrity Series is scheduled with show times throughout the fall semester and well into the spring. Next Friday, October fourth, "South Pacific", an enchanting Broadway classic will be performed on Orr Auditorium's very stage. The Troika Association will be producing this event which is filled to the brim with superb acting, spine-tingling singing, and settings that will make you feel as if you, yourself, were a part of this wartime atmosphere. Love, laughs, and the loyalty of the actors to perform to the best of their ability will combine to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout the show. Get your tickets today to reserve your seat for this spectacular Westminster event.

The rest of the year's performers and artists are Sandi Patty, Larnelle Harris, and their gang, Tom Chapin, Anne Murray, the Georgian State Dance Company, The Glenn Campbell Christmas Show, "It's A Grand Night For Singing", and Roger Williams. Due to the fact that many Westminster alumni and New Wilmington residents look forward to the year's line-up, there are only a reserved number of complimentary tickets available to the Westminster student population. You may call the Box Office at x7354 for ticket availability and any other information. Don't let a good night of entertainment pass you by. Call Celebrity Series today!

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

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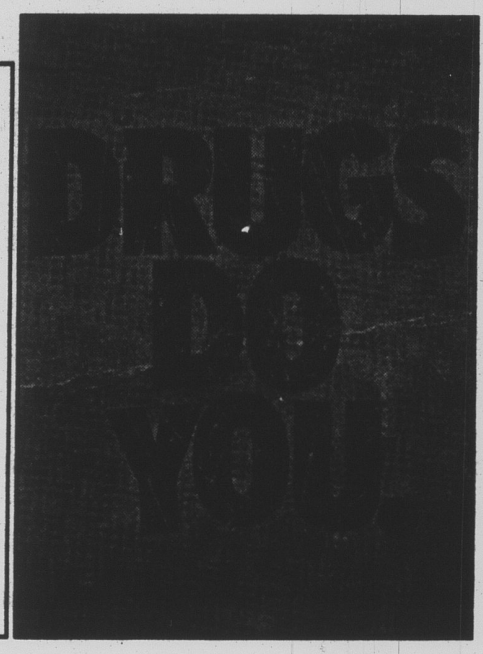


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Don't believe everything you hear, and make sure to check your sources and facts. If you find yourself in a tense and confining situation, call a time out, thinking about the best approach to take. Make a connection to your past and pieces will fall into place.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Use your intellect to solve a particular problem. Keeping your perspective will help you to hold your temper and avoid any unnecessary blowups about trivial matters. Relationships are present on your mind, don't deny any emotional turmoil that's brewing.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

Use your imagination and ingenuity to make the right impression with those around you, especially in the workplace. Love is not only on your mind, but present all around. You may be in the middle of an intensely new relationship, or an old flame may reappear.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Your craving for something different, which could have a negative effect on something or someone dear to you. Someone is likely to hurt your delicate feelings during the week - telling you to not be so sensitive is like telling you not to breathe ... try to relax.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Two very opposite qualities need to be combined into a whole, something which will work best for you. You've got your work cut out for you, considerable energy and thought is required to solve the problem. Stick with what you know, it makes you comfortable.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Don't use your energies in ways that create a destructive end, no matter how tempting. It might be for the best to take time out from a relationship which seems to be going nowhere. Do something extra special for a family member who is having a tough time.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Consider all things which are truly of value to you, and put your your energies behind them. Use your monies in a responsible way, long term investing is probably your best bet. Attend to all to all financial details now, and it will save you time and money later.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

You value honesty and openess in relationships, and letting others know this will enhance any bonding which occurs. You are long overdue for a dose of relaxation and pampering - maybe a specially planned weekend away will do the trick. Tamper any criticism.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Take any changes in stride and you will see that something new suits your purposes better than you would have ever expected. Look to positive long-term plans in order to subdue your anxieties. Make creative ideas attractive by gearing them to the needs of others.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Both compassion and flexibility are necessary throughout the week. Someone close is going through a rough time and may be wallowing in self pity, there is little you can do about it. Try to overcome any nervousness you may feel, your support will no doubt turn the tide.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

Your assertive approach at work will win you more friends than enemies. If the information coming to you seems confusing and excessive, take your time and review everything before making decisions. Keep a close watch on activities at home to insure a positive outcome.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

It is very important to recognize your own limitations, and not take on something for which you are not equipped. If a spat occurred between you and a loved one - find common ground where both of you can get what you need most now. Listen to others' ideas and broaden your perspective.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Find clever and creative ways to express your feelings towards a loved one; making sure the message comes across exactly as you intended. Plan for an escape retreat to relax and enjoy all around you, and you will be surprised at how quickly your energy is rejuvenated.

FEATURE

Celebrity Look-A-Likes on Campus

Name: Lindsay Ponsonby
Year: Sophomore
Major: elementary education major, Spanish minor
Celebrity twin: Laney Boggs in She's All That

Q: Have people told you that you look like Rachael Leigh Cook's character Laney Boggs in the movie She's All That? What do you think about being compared to her? Do you feel that you look like her at all?

A: Yes, well sort of...my friends told me once that if Freddie Prinze Jr. and Rachael Leigh Cook had a baby it would be me, so I would be their love child. I'm not really sure if I think I look like her at all, maybe with my glasses and when I wear my overalls. I suppose it's somewhat flattering to be compared to an extremely nerdy movie character.

Q: At the beginning of the movie, Laney was labeled as a dork and was often made fun of. Were you ever made fun of in high school? What were you like?

A: I would surely consider myself a big dork, just because I'm a crazy fool sometimes. In high school I wasn't really like her. I was really outgoing, and when I did wear overalls, they didn't have paint on them. No one really made fun of me...my friends were very supportive of my dorky behavior.

Q: When Laney goes to a party with Zack Siler, the most popular guy in school, a girl purposely dumps her drink all over Laney's dress in front of everyone. What has been your most embarrassing moment?

A: One time KDKA came to my high school to tape the Extra Effort Award winner, and since I was a cheerleader, we had to do this big cheer with all these stunts during the assembly and whatnot. I totally fell out of the mount onto my head. It was in front of the whole school and my skirt was up over my head and everything!

Q: Did the students at your prom break out into musical routines and synchronized dancing like in the movie? What was your prom experience like? What was the most memorable part of prom for you?

A: Okay...my senior prom was nothing like She's All That! Other than maybe the electric slide, we did not break into synchronized dancing and it was definitely not as glamorous. Considering I had no date to my senior prom, since the guy I liked was a loser...it was not an enjoyable experience! I was dateless...beautiful, but dateless.

Q: Laney takes her aggression out in her painting. What is your creative outlet?

A: I would have to say my creative outlet is my friends, or singing, but more so my friends. They mean the world to me! I love laughing...so when I'm down, all I need are my friends to make me laugh very loudly, which isn't hard to make me do!

Q: Do you have any additional comments?

A: I wish I was Rachael Leigh Cook so I could have gotten to make out with Freddie, but we all know that's not the case.

Name: Lisa Joyce
Year: Senior
Major: elementary education, theater minor
Celebrity twin: Elaine (Julia-Louis Dreyfuss) on Seinfeld

Q: Have you often been told you look like Julia-Louis Dreyfuss' character Elaine on Seinfeld? How do you feel being compared to her and do you feel you look like her?

A: I have been told that I look like Elaine countless times, by people from Westminster and by people from home. I like being compared to her. She is my favorite Seinfeld character, so I take it as a compliment. I do see a resemblance between us. We have similar features.

Q: You are a talented actress, much like Dreyfuss herself. How long have you been acting? Do you have any aspirations to pursue theatre? What is your favorite role you have ever played? Do you prefer dramatic or comedic acting and why?

A: I have been involved in theatre since I was a child. I do love the art, but I am pursuing a career in elementary education. My favorite character that I ever played was Clarice in Servant of Two Masters. I like comedic acting because there is nothing in the world like hearing laughter from an audience.

Q: The character of Elaine on Seinfeld has several quirky traits. What would you say is your most quirky or silly trait?

A: I split everything, even silly things, into 2 categories- things that are dramatic and things that are undramatic.

Q: Elaine's famous group of friends on the show is known for being rather bizarre. Do you have a close group of friends like Elaine? How would you describe your friends? Do you have a tight group of male friends as well?

A: I do have a close group of friends like Elaine. They are extremely entertaining, creative, sensitive, and fun. I have a great group of guy friends who often provide me with "Seinfeld moments."

Q: Elaine's love life was always rocky. Would you compare your love life to Elaine's at all? What is one word you would use to describe your love life and why?

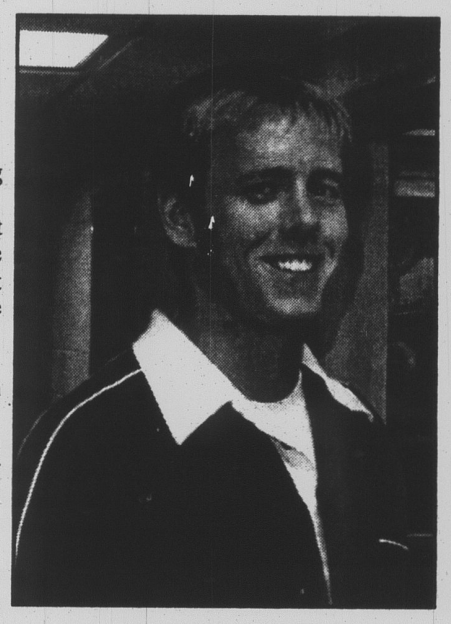
A: My love life is not much like Elaine's. The only word I could use to describe it is "dramatic."

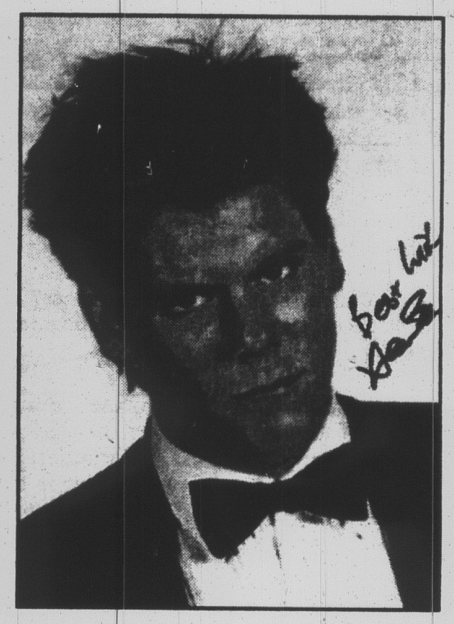
Q: Elaine lives in an apartment in New York City. Would you ever consider living in the Big Apple? Would you say you are more of a city or country girl? If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

A: I would consider living in New York for a while, but I don't think I would stay there forever. I'd much rather live someplace in the south, like Savannah or Atlanta.

Celebrity Look-A-Likes on Campus Cont.

Name: Ben Libert
Year: First-year
Major: exploratory
Celebrity twin: Kevin Bacon





Q: Have you ever been told that you look like Kevin Bacon? What do you think of being compared to Bacon? Do you feel that you look like him?

A: Yes...it all started in the tenth grade when I joined the swim team. I had recently lost a lot of weight and my face must have gotten thinner, because people have been telling me that I look like him ever since. I don't really think it's a bad thing, and yes, I do think that at times I look extremely similar to him...especially from the side. I think it's mostly in the nose.

Q: Have you ever tried acting? If so, what shows have you been in? Have you ever seen any of Bacon's movies? If so, what is your favorite movie he has appeared in?

A: Yes...I thoroughly enjoyed being in plays and musicals in high school. I've been in many shows including "Bye Bye Birdie," "The Wizard of Oz," and actually this past year I was in "Footloose." I didn't get to play Bacon's part though, because the voice part was too high. I would have to say that Footloose and Apollo 13 are my favorite Bacon movies.

Q: Speaking of Footloose, in the 1984 movie Bacon played a city boy who moved into a small town where rock music and dancing had been banned. Are you more of a city boy or a small town boy? Have you ever been the "new kid" in school?

A: I'm definitely more of a small town boy. I was born in a small town, I was raised in a small town...you know how the song goes. I've never been the new kid in school. Until coming to Westminster, I had always attended Fort Cherry School District.

Q: Bacon proves to be quite the dancer in Footloose. Would you call yourself a good dancer? Do you like to dance?

A: I'm an okay dancer, I guess. I never have any trouble picking up the choreography in musicals, so I guess that counts for something. I like doing organized dancing more so than just going to a dance and "dancing." I think it would be pretty neat to learn some real dances.

Q: Have you ever played the game Six Degrees of Ben Libert with your friends?

A: No, I haven't...but one of my friends really likes the game Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon and would always joke around with me about it. To be honest, I've only heard about it...I've never actually played the game myself.

Q: Do you have any additional comments?

A: Are there any girls out there with crushes on Kevin Bacon?

Name: Cate Holder
Year: First-year
Major: theatre major, music minor
Celebrity twin: Mena Suvari

Q: Have you ever been told you look like Mena Suvari? What do you think about being compared to her? Do you think that you look like her?

A: Yes, my aunt told me once that she thought that the blonde in American Beauty looked like me. I really don't think that I look like her, our face shapes are just similar, but I think it stops right about there.

Q: You say you are a theatre major, so you must love to act just like your celebrity twin. How long have you been acting? What is the favorite role you have played?

A: I have been acting forever; I can't even remember how long. My favorite role that I have played would either have to be the narrator in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," because I love the music from that show, or Hildy in "On the Town," where I played a seductive cab driver.

Q: Do you have any aspirations to be a movie star like Suvari, or at least pursue acting after college?

A: Oh yes, I would love to be a movie actress. I do love the stage, but ever since I was a little girl I have wanted to be in movies, and that is my main goal in life.

Q: What is your favorite movie that Suvari has appeared in?

A: This is probably one that no one has seen; it was called Loser. Even though I thought American Beauty was an amazing movie, I am a sap for comedic romances. Plus, I loved Jason Biggs' character in that movie, and want to meet someone like him. He was so sweet!

Q: In American Beauty, Suvari played a teenage girl who had a crush on her friend's dad. In real life, she has recently married a 38 year old photographer. Are you attracted to older men as well?

A: Actually, yes. My biggest crush right now is Keanu Reeves who is five years younger than my dad, which is kind of weird. I also have a crush on all the older actors like Harrison Ford and Dennis Quaid. Even though he is dead, Elvis is another big time crush for me.

Q: Do you have any additional comments?

A: I have been told that I look like a lot of people, but the one celebrity that I thought I actually looked like that someone told me about was Rosemary Clooney. She's an old movie actress who was in White Christmas.

(Include Rosemary Clooney picture here)

Celebrity Look-A-Likes continued on next page

Name: Nate Zuzack
Year: Junior
Major: neuroscience major, music minor
Celebrity twin: Beck Hansen

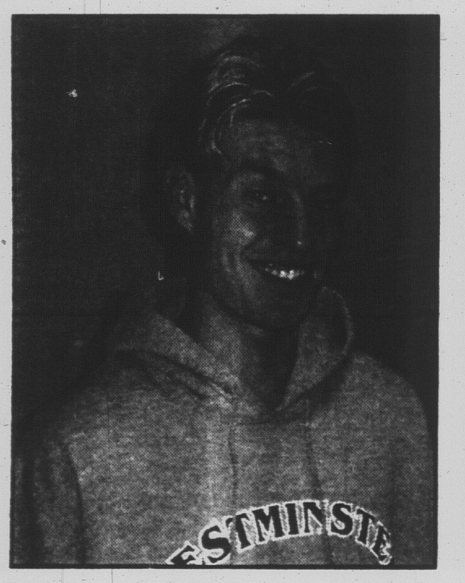
Q: Have you ever been told you look like Beck? What do you think about being compared to Beck? Do you feel that you look like him?
A: Quite a few people have said I look like Beck. I can see the resemblance from certain angles. We have similar mops on our heads.

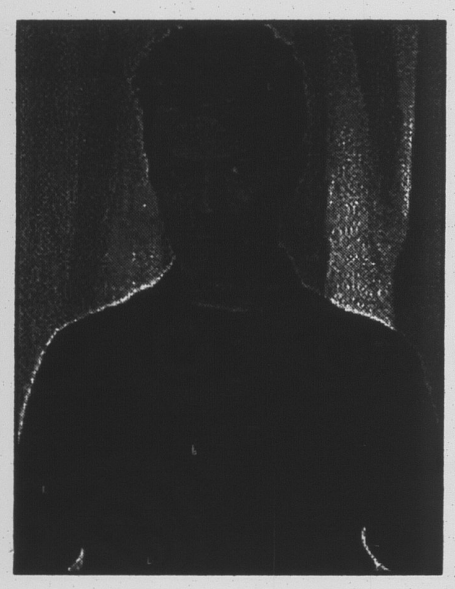
Q: You are a talented guitarist, much like your celebrity twin. How long have you been playing the guitar?
A: Thanks...since the eighth grade.

Q: Who are your musical influences? Who are your favorite bands and/or singers?
A: Dave Matthews and the musical tastes of Alan Higby have influenced my style of playing directly and indirectly.

Q: Beck has said that he wrote the song "Loser" while alphabetizing the pornography section of the video store where he used to work. Have you had a job experience like this? What has been your worst and/or oddest job?
A: Unfortunately, I have not written a hit song while organizing smut. However, I do clean up rat poop for extra money right now. Maybe a song will come out of that. The job, not the poop.

Q: Do you, Nate, find that you are "Where It's At?" Do you have two turntables and a microphone in your dorm room? If not, do you think that you should?
A: I'm afraid "It" and I aren't on very good terms. And, although I did bring a microphone to school, I was under the impression that two turntables came with the room. Don't get me started on Student Affairs.
Q: Do you have any additional comments?
A: Time is a piece of wax that's falling on a termite that's choking on the splinters. Drive-by body pierce.





Name: Jordan Hinds
Year: First-year
Major: business
Celebrity twin: David Bowie

Q: Have you often been told that you look like David Bowie? Do you enjoy being compared to Bowie? Do you feel that you look like him?
A: No one has really ever told me I look like him. He's kind of old, but I look a little like him when he was younger. The hair is similar.

Q: Bowie was born Robert David Jones. Would you ever consider changing your name? If you could change your name to anything, what would it be?
A: I like my name. It's different. Not too many people have it.

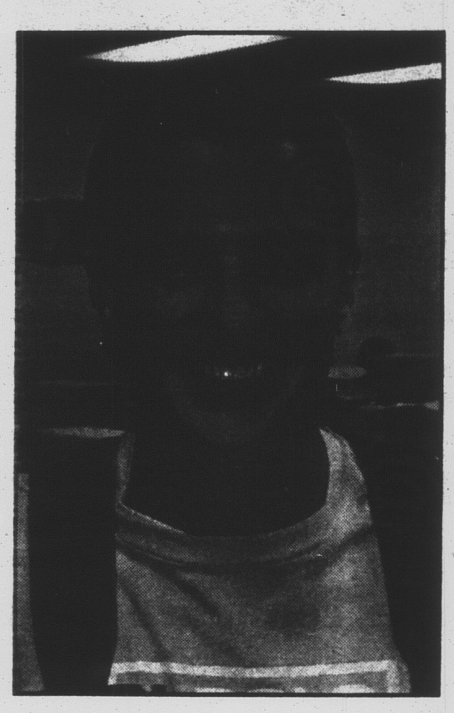
Q: Bowie was the most popular during the late 1970s and early 80s. What is your favorite memory from the 80s?
A: Wow, I dont know. I was like 6 years old in 1989. I liked the Thunder Cats cartoons.

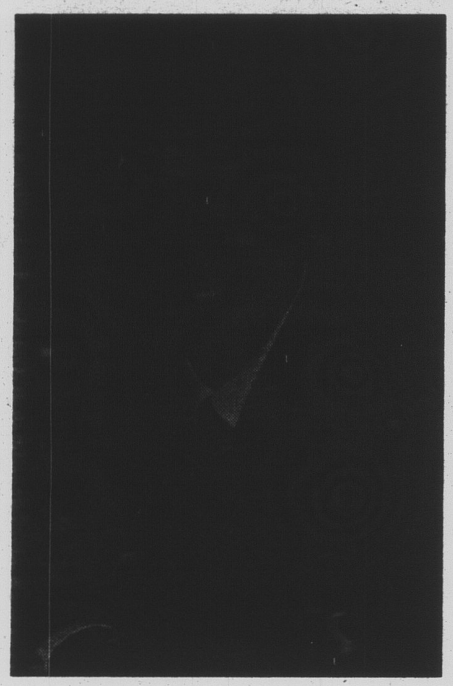
Q: Do you have any musical talents? Do you enjoy any of Bowie's music? What kind of music do you listen to and what are your favorite bands/singers?
A: I play an acoustic guitar. I've heard Bowie's "Space Oddity" before; it's all right. Some of my favorite bands are Fuel, Green Day, Blink 182, Staind, The Clarks, Nirvana, AC/DC, Metallica, Sublime and Bob Marley.

Q: Bowie is considered by many to be a very bizarre character. Do you feel that you have any weird or bizarre traits?
A: I don't know if they're weird, but he had some good fashion sense, and I've been told that I dress well.

Right pictures:
Sophomore Christopher Portman looks remarkably like the mayor of Mercer. The resemblances between the two are uncanny!

Left picture:
The girl featured in the Cellular One advertisement on page 7 looks exactly like the reporter for this feature spread, Megan Sigler!





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craig Karges will appear Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. in the Down Under. Don't miss this program of illusion, psychic happenings, and extraordinary phenomena.

The Westminster College Choir is sponsoring "Music and Meatballs" Friday, Oct. 4, at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church with seating each hour from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The Westminster College Celebrity Series continues with South Pacific Friday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Hip Hop Night, Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Down Under. The event is sponsored by the Black Student Union, and features disk jockey, Hoodee.

Night Owl Bowling, Saturday, Oct. 5, midnight-2 a.m. Meet outside Old 77 at 11:30 p.m. For more information, contact cpc@westmisnter.edu.

Phi Mu Philanthropy Karoke Party, Saturday, Oct. 5, 7:30-9:30 .m., Down Under. Fee is $2 to get in and $2 for enter contest, if you choose. All profits benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Free food and drink.

Foreign Film Festival continues with Strickly Ballroom, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., Down Under. This Austrian comedy centers on a dancer and his unlikely partner who rock the Ballroom Confederation with an "original dance" in the Pan Pacific Championships.

Outdoor & Conservation Club Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Hoyt room 369.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 4

11:30 a.m. LAWPAC Event (Law School Admissions) – PH 132
11:40 a.m. Chapel
Chapel Fall Retreat – Allegheny National Forest
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting – TC 315
Music and Meatballs
(Concert Choir' Spaghetti Dinner with Seatings at 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m.) – New Wilmington Presbyterian Church Social Hall
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: South Pacific
8:00 p.m. BSU Hip Hop Night – Down Under

SATURDAY 5

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Chapel Fall Retreat – Allegheny National Forest
Volleyball: WC Invitational (H)
11:00 a.m. M&W Cross Country @ Mount Union Invitational
11:00 a.m. W Soccer @ Bethany
2:00 p.m. Football @ Washington and Jefferson College
7:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY 6

Chapel Fall Retreat – Allegheny National Forest
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Keri Conger – Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club – TC 315
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting – PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie – Down Under

MONDAY 7

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Interviews (through 10/11)
LLP Block II Classes Begin This Week
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – Down Under

TUESDAY 8

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Interviews
12:30 p.m. M Golf @ Guy Kuhn Invitational (Allegheny)
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
4:30 p.m. W Soccer vs. Thiel (H)
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting – HSC 150
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival:
Strictly Ballroom (Australia, 1992) – Down Under
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. Bethany (H)

WEDNESDAY 9

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Interviews
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: Anne Bentz, "Westminster Vice" – PH 311
3:30 p.m. W Tennis vs. Slippery Rock (H)
4:00 p.m. M Soccer @ Grove City
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Henderson Lecture – Chapel
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting – HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship – Down Under

THURSDAY 10

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Interviews
11:00 a.m. Support Staff Meeting – TC 314
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting – PH 231
7:00 p.m. Kappa Delta Pi Interview Forum
7:00 p.m. Math and Computer Science Colloquium – HSC 152
7:00 p.m. Religious Life Symposium, "Westminster's Faith Journey: 150 Years of God at Westminster College"
7:15 p.m. Volleyball vs. W&J (H)
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir – Chapel
9:00 p.m. Stargazing (weather permitting) – Hoyt Science Center

It's onset can be so subtle you don't notice it.

IT CAN KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE IT.

Depression strikes millions indiscriminately. Depression is MOST dangerous when it goes unrecognized. Always be aware of the threat, and don't always believe everything you feel.

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Saturday:

Karaoke Party

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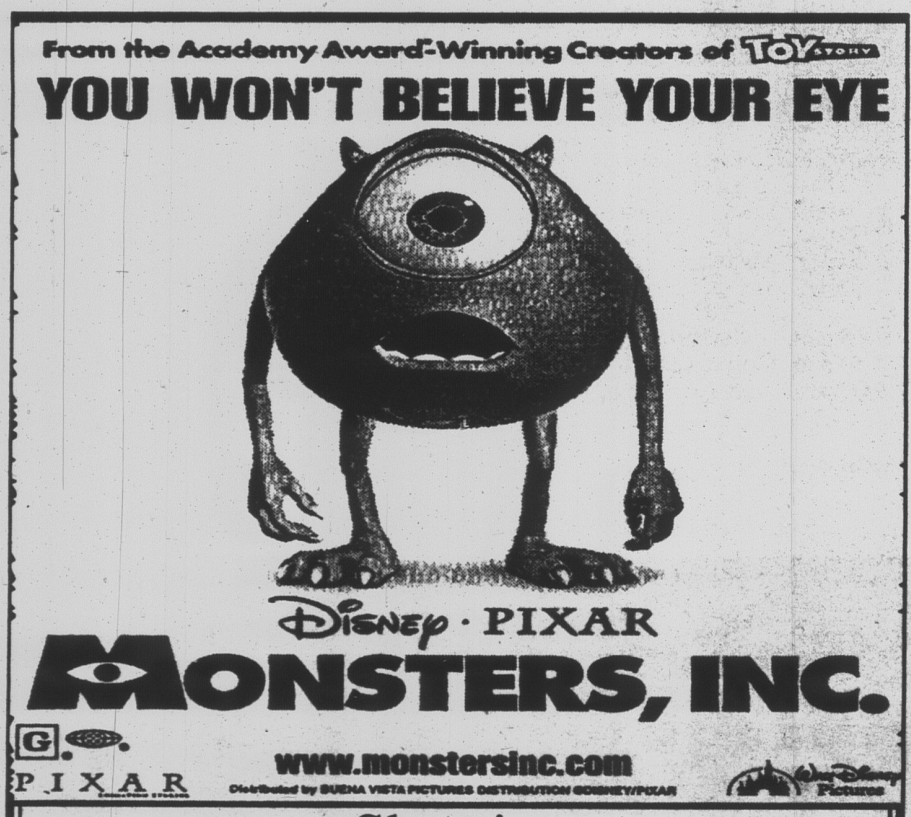

Showing:
Monsters Inc.
Sun, Oct. 6 at 9:00 p.m.

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

Coming Soon...

October:
11th @ 8 PM: Psychic Magician Craig Karges
26th @ 8 PM: Comic Michael Dean Ester

November:
9th @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show
15th @ 5:30 PM: Murder Mystery-Russell
23rd @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show

December:
7th @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show

Weekly Events

Late Night-Mondays & Thursdays 10pm-2am
Tuesday Night at the Movies-Tuesdays 10pm

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What would Buddha do?

photo by Aly Karg

Dr. Rennie with the Tibetan Buddhist Monks in front of the chapel

by Issac Ludwig
Staff Writer

On October 11, a group of Tibetan Buddhist Monks were at the chapel to answer students' questions and speak about their culture. They talked about the teachings of their religion, called the Buddha Dharma, the political situation in Tibet, and their response to terrorism and other global issues.

The group consisted of six monks, one being an American who served as the tour organizer, and a translator. The monks' home monastery is the Gaden Shartse Monastery. It is located in Mundgod, Karnataka State in Southwest India and is headed by the Dalai Lama.

The monks believe that peace is the best response to the terrorist activities occurring in the world today. "War is not the ultimate solution to solve the problem," one of the monks said. He went on to explain that war is like a fire, and by fighting a fire with another fire all we create is a larger fire that burns everything and leaves nothing but ash. "We already know the results of war are ugly" he said.

The American monk pointed out that we may have lost thousands of people in the September 11th tragedy, but Tibetan monks have lost numbers in the millions since China invaded their country, and still they refuse to take any aggressive actions. According to the ideas of reincarnation, everything on earth could have been our mother at one point. A rock, a bird, a worm, or even your roommate could have been your mother in a past life. "How can we harm someone that was once our mother?" They asked.

Before their appearance on campus, the monks spent some time at Slippery Rock University where they made a mandala—very complex work of art made from colored sand. The creation took twelve hours a day for three full days to complete. After its completion, they performed a ritual and ceremoniously destroyed the art to show the in-permanence of material things.

When the monks were asked if they believe Buddhism is the only right way to live, one of the monks answered that, "all religion has its own importance. Buddhism tries to harmonize." They likened religions to vitamins: "Your diet may be deficient in one vitamin, so you take vitamins to bring your diet into balance."

Sophomore Bill Shondelmyer said "I'm really glad I had a chance to listen to these people. How many chances do you get to have Buddhist monks answer your questions?" Junior Josh Storey added "I was disappointed when I didn't get a chance to go see them at Slippery Rock. I'm glad the school convinced them to stop here on their tour."

Student works with homeless at nation's capital

by Robert E. Lyles
Staff Writer

Eryn Lees, a junior sociology major, is currently interning at American University in Washington, D.C. She is involved in a seminar called Transforming Communities. The purpose of the seminar is to recognize, study and identify issues that will aid in fostering and advocating social change for communities and its residents. The seminar also raises awareness in other social spectrums: housing policy, health policy, drug abuse, family/childcare issues, welfare reform and community development.

"I really feel that the seminar is a valuable learning experience. It is a chance to see the world outside of Westminster." Lees said.

Lees is also involved with the National Coalition for Homeless. The coalition is a nonprofit nonpartisan advocacy group for the homeless. The organization advocates the progression of the homeless by supporting their social issues of civil rights, education, health care and housing policy.

"Homelessness is an issue I have always been passionate about and I am so excited to be working with an organization and people who want to make a difference," Lees said.

Lees' group is currently working to secure funding for the National Housing trust fund. The fund is part of a bill being debated in the House and Senate right now. If passed, the fund will create, remodel and maintain 1,500,000 housing units by the year 2010. Moreover, the funds will aid low-income groups and assist the establishment of mixed income communities.

Lees' internship also fills her community service requirement. "When I heard about two Westminster students interning at American University's Washington

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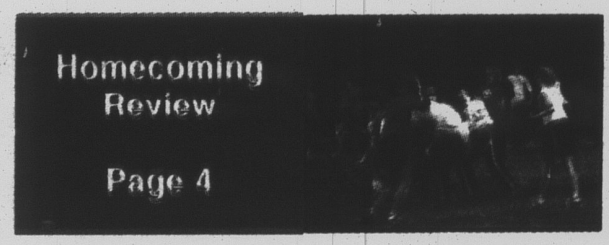

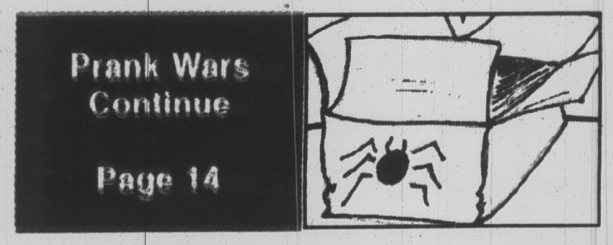

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Saturday: Light Rain high 55° low 38°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students react to terrorism and war in Iraq

by Kristen Nicklin
Staff Writer

Ever since we all witnessed the shocking acts of terrorism in our own country on September 11, many feel like our country and our world will never be quite the same. Before September 11, we probably never even thought of terrorism happening in our country. Now not only do we have to worry about terrorism, but quite possibly a war with our long-time enemy, Iraq.

Our country is being faced with a very tough, life-changing decision. Should we or should we not go to war with Iraq? President Bush strongly advocates the war.

"Saddam Hussein is a homicidal dictator addicted to weapons of mass destruction, and he could be plotting to use those weapons against the U.S. America must not ignore the threat against us," Bush said on a network-televised address.

Bush and government officials believe that Saddam Hussein could have biochemical weapons capable of creating a nuclear weapon to be used against us by terrorists. Hussein supports anyone who is against the United States, so he would be willing to give the weapons to anti-American terrorists.

Westminster students had mixed opinions on whether or not our country should go to war with Iraq.

"I don't know enough about the whole situation and all of the details," junior Jess Young said. "I hope that a war can be avoided, but if it does happen, I will fully support my country."

"I think we should go to war with Iraq. We should be able to trust our president and our government officials if they think there is imminent danger towards us," junior Katie Scarlett said. "People were so outraged that September 11 was able to happen to our country, so now the government is trying to not let another September 11 happen. We would be foolish if we didn't do anything about it."

"I think George Bush is an incompetent rogue in office. Terrorism is a threat, but attacking everyone in sight is not the answer," sophomore Jarrod Takah said.

"It's scary to know that there are people out there like Saddam Hussein who have the weapons of mass destruction that he has, and we have not done anything about it yet," sophomore Mike Mackin said.

For many students it's more of an emotional decision because they have friends or loved ones in the military.

"It's a personal situation for me because I have a cousin in the military, but if war is the only answer then we should do it," junior Rachel Lawrence said.

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Should community service be a requirement?

by Megan Mamula
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 17, the Curriculum Development Committee and the Curriculum Operations Committee held a joint meeting to begin discussions concerning changes to the implementation of the community service graduation requirement.

Upon acceptance to Westminster, students are aware of the requirement, which mandates that they commit themselves to 20 hours of volunteer service at the organization of their choice.

As of now, the requirement is independent from coursework and is sometimes viewed as another barrier between students and their diplomas.

Recently, students and faculty have questioned the requirement and its implementation. While some believe that weaving the experience into the first year curriculum in a meaningful way would be beneficial, others see the requirement as a lackluster way to force students who are only motivated by self-interest to get involved.

Dr. James Perkins stated that he "has problems with the paradoxical nature of required volunteerism." He does, however, see the long-term benefits of volunteerism.

"Learning to give of yourself is a good thing for you, no matter what happens to the community because finally students have to learn they aren't the center of the universe," Dr. Perkins said.

Dr. David Swerdlow thinks that the requirement should be implemented in a different way. With the current system, he finds that students can "get the requirement out of the way in a non-meaningful manner."

He suggests that "finding community service that benefits [students] individually as well as the community would be the way to motivate them."

Students seem to agree. Senior Matthew Mough commented that, "Community service is a good idea in theory, but forcing people to volunteer defeats the whole purpose of doing a good deed."

Senior Biz Adams, who volunteered as a Big Sister for Big Brothers/Big Sisters for one year, stated, "The requirement is both good and bad. People can experience community service, like it, and continue. But by forcing it, it can be seen as something negative."

The questions remain: How can community service be incorporated into the curriculum in a way that is motivational and meaningful? Will students ever view a requirement as more than just another barrier standing between them and a diploma?

U.S. Marine Band plays on campus

by Melissa Batulis
Staff Writer

The United States Marine Band, nicknamed "The President's Own," performed in front of a packed Orr Auditorium as a part of Celebrity Series.

"This is the biggest attended show that I think I've seen in my 13 years here," Celebrity Series Director, Eugene De Caprio said. "People from Lawrence and Mercer counties have come to see the premier service band in America."

The American flag and blue curtains on Orr stage harmonized with the red, white and blue band uniforms. In true American fashion, the show opened with the band's director Colonel Timothy W. Foley facing the crowd and directing them in singing the national anthem. Throughout the night, the band performed songs by American, French and German composers. The show's finale was a medley of the armed forces theme songs. As the band played the final number, those in the audience who had served in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force or Marine Corps were asked to stand and be recognized as the band performed their branch's song.

The United States Marine Band possesses a rich history dating back to 1798 when it was founded. The band first performed for President John Adams in 1801. After performing at Thomas Jefferson's inauguration a few years later, Jefferson branded the group "The President's Own" and the name stuck. The band is based in Washington D.C. and performs at most presidential events.

Like the majority of the band's performances, there was a president among the Westminster audience as well. President R. Thomas Williamson took his turn standing during the final song.

"As an old Navy guy, I am particularly proud to have the Marine Band

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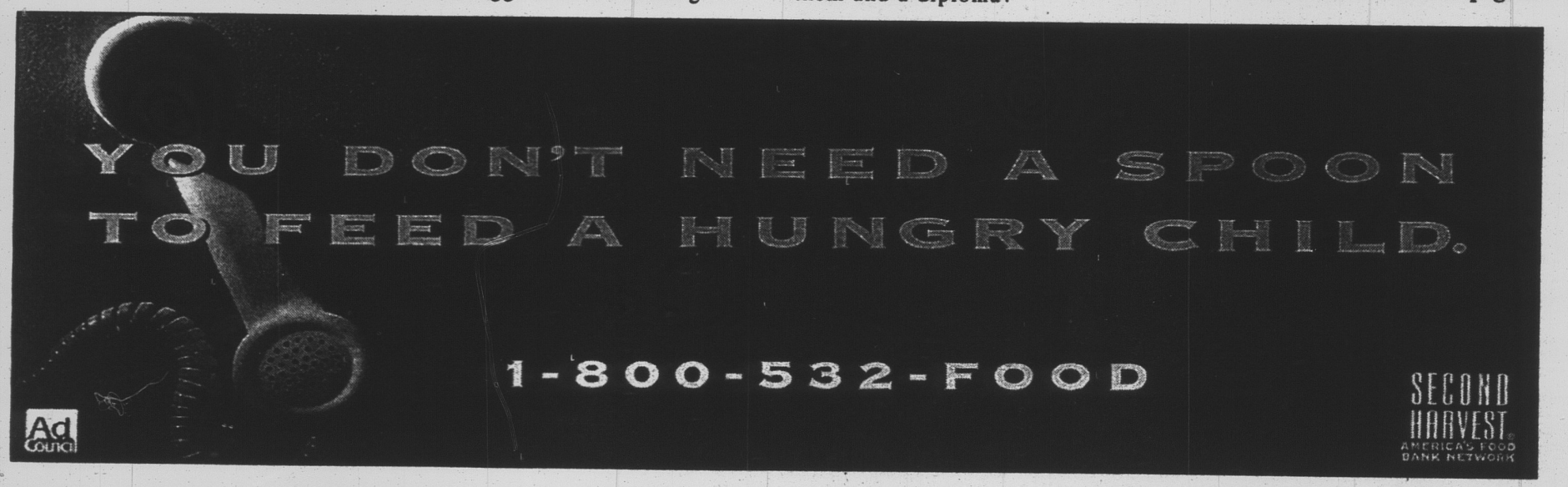


Drugs, guns and abortions: A campus political debate

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

Drugs, guns and abortions: these aren't generally words we hear thrown around Ferguson Lobby, but on Oct. 7, the Westminster College Green Party, the Westminster Speech and Debate Team and the Grove City Libertarians sponsored an All-Campus Gubernatorial Debate involving many divisive issues. The intent of these college organizations was to better educate students on policies prevalent in the current race for Pennsylvania governor.

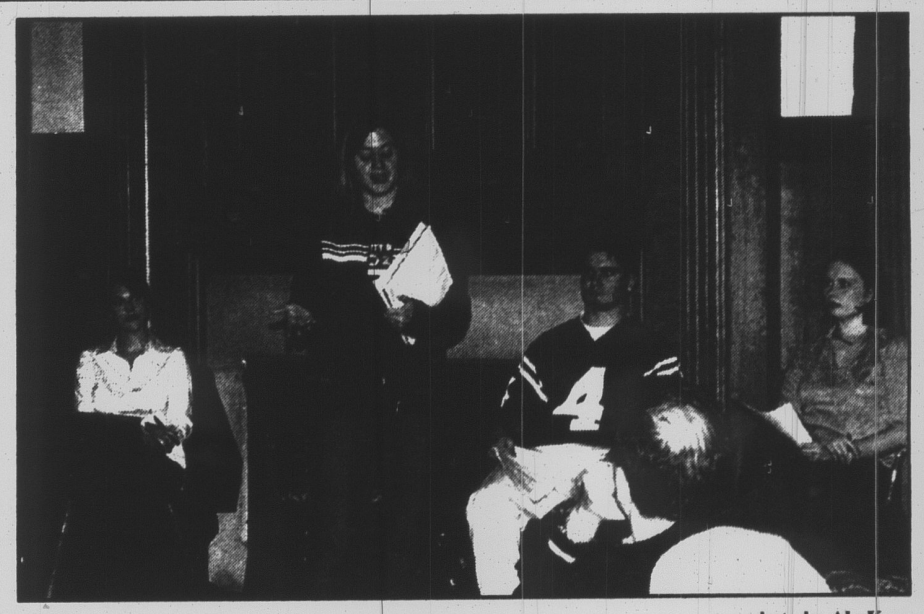
Sophomore Sarah Kramer spoke on behalf of the Green Party's Michael Morrill. Some of Morrill's political stances include his support of an $11 dollar per hour living wage, universal prenatal care, more easily accessible abortion services and the provision of economic development funding for small businesses.

Topics including anti-gun control policies, drug law repeals and the revision of adoption programs in order to discourage abortion were presented by Grove City's Erin Caler. In the debates, Caler represented Libertarian Ken Krawchuk.

Junior Matt Boccardi discussed the political stances of Democrat Ed Rendell. If elected, Rendell plans to improve public schools by revising the financial relationship between state and local government, create more inclusive health care coverage and increase benefits for Pennsylvania veterans.

Sophomore Jessica Rummel represented Republican Mike Fisher. Among Fisher's campaign focal points are more efficient environmental spending, strengthened programs involving Pennsylvania farmer's and the state's agricultural economy and a resolution of the property tax crisis in Pennsylvania.

"The purpose of the debate was to encourage voter participation in PA, to inform people about the candidates and to talk about some powerful issues," event organizer Isaac Ludwig said. "Aside from some squabbling with the Libertarians, the debate went very well."



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Students participate in Green Party debate

Speech and Debate Team tournament a success

by Robert Allen
Staff Writer

The Westminster Speech and Debate Team recently began its second season of existence after a 10-year hiatus. The team's new members competed at the Bloomsburg Novice Tournament during the final week of September. The team couldn't have been more pleased with their performance.

Heather Kydd will go on to finals, after earning a sixth place finish in the impromptu competition out of 52 entries. Heather Jones broke through to finals with a fifth place finish in prose. Rachel Lange received "next-out" honors in poetry and prose. In short, the team received recognition in 4 of the 6 events they entered.

This is reminiscent of the team's inaugural performance at last year's Bloomsburg Novice Tournament. The competitors made it to finals in duo and poetry.

Other teams in attendance at this year's tournament were West Point, Suffolk, Grove City, West Chester, Case Western Reserve University, Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, Brookdale CC, Cornell University, Lafayette University, Shepherd, Morgan State and Binghamton.

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Seminar, I thought what an ample opportunity to fulfill your civic duty," sophomore Simonae Marlow said.

Furthermore, Lees is very active in attending Senate hearings regarding the trust fund, and she is involved in trust fund lobby group meetings. Lees is also garnering endorsements from other local, state and national organizations.

While in D.C., the class has visited numerous sites around the city, such as select Senate hearings, D.C. housing authority, The District Drug Court and the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Lees enjoyed being able to hear field experts speak about their experience on homelessness. She was particularly interested in David Gilmore, who has turned around the D.C. public housing program over the last ten years.

The coalition's most recent project is to lay groundwork for future legislation that will attempt eliminate homelessness in the next decade.

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Homecoming festivities welcome back Westminster alums

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

Westminster alumni, blue and white balloons, tailgate parties, Heinz hitch horses, Titan football and the passing parade were the sites of the day. Smoking barbecues, fresh cut grass and fall leaves were the scents of the day. The day, of course, was the annual homecoming celebration on Oct. 12.

The festivities began with the parade marching down Market St. The parade included community Boy Scouts and Brownies, the Wilmington High School and Westminster marching bands and the homecoming candidates who waved from convertibles.

Each fraternity and sorority was represented on a float constructed under the theme "Westminster Through the Years." Phi Mu took first place with its float replicating May Day.

"Winning first place in the float contest was a really nice payoff. We put a lot of hours and effort into making it look great," Phi Mu sophomore Lynn Kiley said.

The day continued with the 1:30 kickoff on the football field where the Titans took on the Bethany Bison. Battling for the come-from-behind win, Westminster grabbed its third win for the season with a 23-20 score.

During halftime, the celebration continued with the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen. Junior John Libert, independent, received the honor of king. The queen's crown went to junior Jess Young of Sigma Kappa.

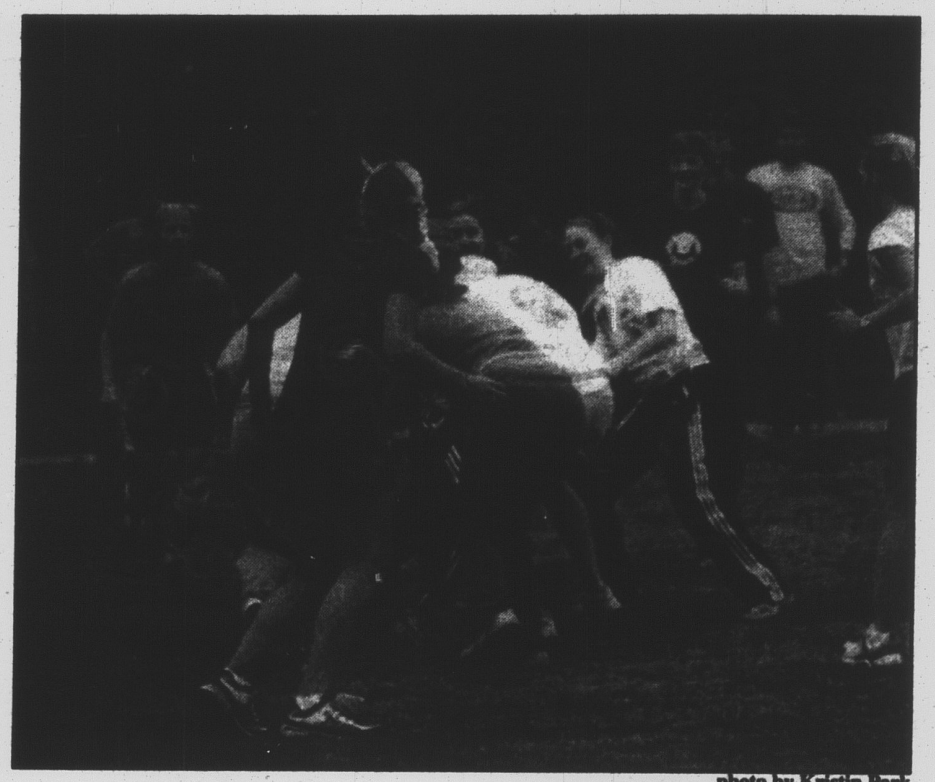
"The whole thing was overwhelming, from the signs, to the chalking, to the actual announcement on Saturday," Young said. "I still can't believe it. I just want to thank everyone for their support and kind words these past couple of weeks. It has really meant a lot to me."

"It was a really fun and exciting experience. I was so glad to share to this day with all the other great candidates," Libert said.

Alumni were spotted throughout the day wearing their Westminster sweatshirts and other paraphernalia. They were responsible for judging the floats in the parade, sharply increasing the football game attendance and attending recognition events.

"My grandparents came to homecoming to celebrate my grandfather's 50th class reunion," junior Anna Blanchard said. "We had a great time at the legacy breakfast and enjoyed the rest of the events on campus."

"It's always so interesting to see the alumni walking on campus the weekend of homecoming," junior Jill Klobusnik said. "I can't believe that some day, 50 years from now, I'll be wearing a name tag saying 'Graduate of 2004.'"



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Students participate in Powder Puff football on quad

Community service provides students options for involvement

by McKenzie Crowell
Staff Writer

The community service requirement is only a small part of the college curriculum, but it causes numerous effects on the surrounding area and students. The requirement has been in place since 1997 and is necessary for graduation; yet few people know exactly what is expected.

For first-year students, inquiry 102 is the first class to shine light on the service requirement. Here, students submit a proposal to their inquiry professor or academic advisor, who then approves the contract.

Prior to the beginning of spring semester junior year, and after the completion of 30 volunteer hours, all completed forms, contract and evaluation, are due to the Career Center.

Students are permitted to volunteer in various groups, ranging from non-profit organizations to school and church affiliated programs. Habitats for Humanity, Big Brother/Big Sister, tutoring of local students and coaching of various sports teams are all extremely popular areas of interest.

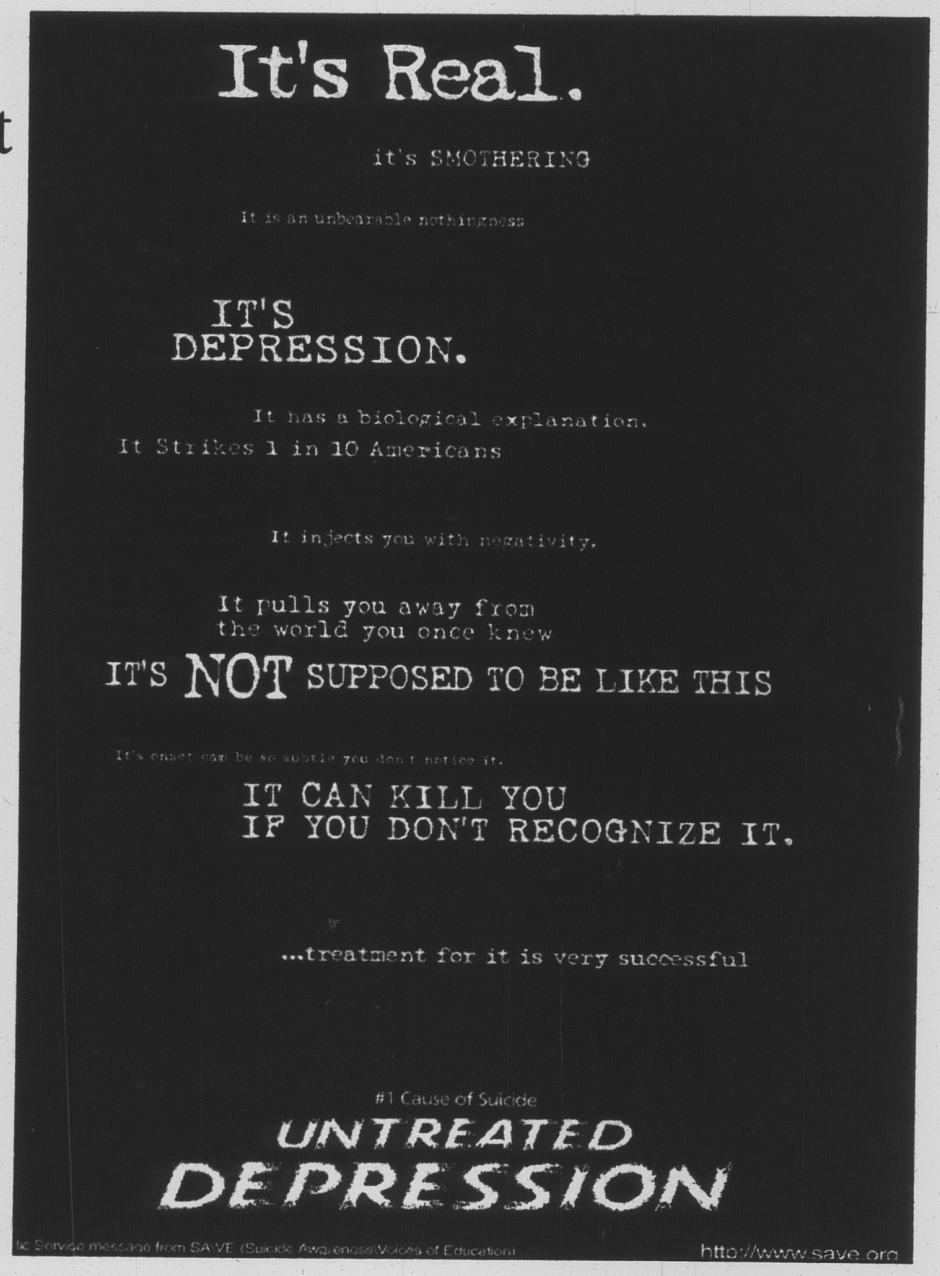
Many students, like senior Jason Mumford, feel that the benefits of required volunteer work outweigh any negative attitudes toward the requirement.

"I feel the community service requirement is a good way for us to become connected with the surrounding area. We get a nice change of scenery and the opportunity to help society at the same time," Mumford said.

The Career Center's web page offers multiple ideas for alternatives, both specific and general. Janet Waugaman, head of internships and community service, is more than willing to answer any questions on the topic.

Waugaman feels these projects provide ideal opportunities to gain experience outside the classroom while benefiting organizations in need of help.

"From the responses I've seen, this requirement gives students motivation to help someone else, but also find something that gives them personal satisfaction," Waugaman said. "That is important in any major."



Date rape drugs threat to women

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

One of the most dangerous date rape drugs is Rohypnol, or "Roofies" as it is called on the street. Rohypnol is manufactured by Hoffman-La Roche and prescribed as a sleeping pill in countries outside the United States. It is used as a short-term treatment for insomnia, as a sedative hypnotic and a pre-anesthetic. Rohypnol has physiological effects similar to Valium but is approximately ten times more potent.

Rohypnol tablets are white, scored on one side with the word "ROCHE" and have an encircled number one or two (depending on the dosage) on the other. The drug can often be dissolved in a drink, and is then undetectable. Effects of Rohypnol begin within thirty minutes, peak within two hours and can persist for up to eight. The drug produces a sedative effect, amnesia, muscle relaxation and a slowing of psychomotor responses.

Illicit use of Rohypnol was originally reported in Europe in the late 1970s and worldwide use of it has continually increased since then. According to police sources in both Florida and Texas, "roofies" were first seen in the United States in the early 1990s; they quickly gained acceptance and use by both high school and college students.

Rohypnol has become more popular with teenagers and college students because it is inexpensive, costing less than $5 per pill. Also, people mistakenly think that Rohypnol cannot be detected in urine analysis. The drug usually comes in pre-packaged form, sometimes with bubble packs, leading people to believe the drug is untampered with, which is usually not the case.

If you begin to feel the effects of Rohypnol, tell someone you trust immediately and contact the authorities. To avoid contact with Rohypnol, do not leave drinks unattended and be wary of accepting drinks from people you do not know.

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Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

If anyone is interested in taking a tour of the new campus center, please e-mail sga@westminster.edu with "tour" in the subject line. SGA president, Chris Nave will conduct tours.

Any students who are interested in attending the Facilities and Grounds Review board meetings are welcome to do so. The next meeting is planned for the beginning of November, so check your e-mail for updates.

All students who have concerns about the dining hall are invited to attend the Food Advisory Committee meetings. Please contact SGA treasurer, Julie Lechner for more information. Lechner is also taking suggestions for Mardi gras bands. Please e-mail her with your ideas.

In faculty standing committee reports: this is a correction to the information printed two weeks ago about the Curriculum Development Committee. They are not getting rid of the community service requirement; they are looking to revise it. Also, they are making adjustments to cluster courses, not senior capstones. The Enrollment Management Council is going to keep SAT and ACT scores as a part of the admissions process. They are also looking into ways to recruit more males.

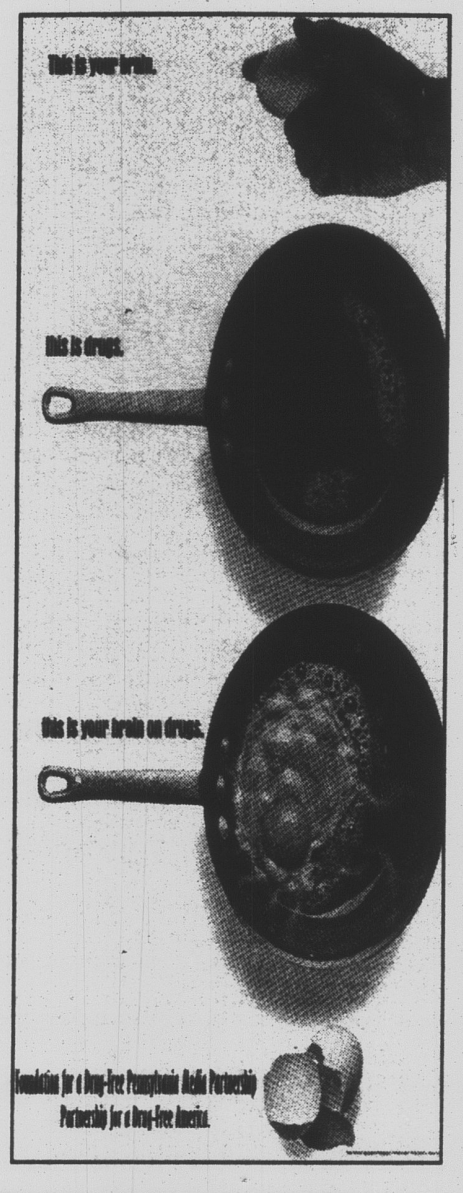
Russ Mills of the judicial committee met with President Williamson to discuss co-ed dormitories on campus. Williamson will be at next week's SGA meeting to discuss this issue with the entire senate. Mills reported that Williamson is strongly opposed to the idea due to moral concerns. However, to address the bathroom situation, he suggested the possibility of converting Eichenaur into a female dorm, and Browne and Hillside into male dorms. If you have concerns about the situation, please come to next week's SGA meeting.

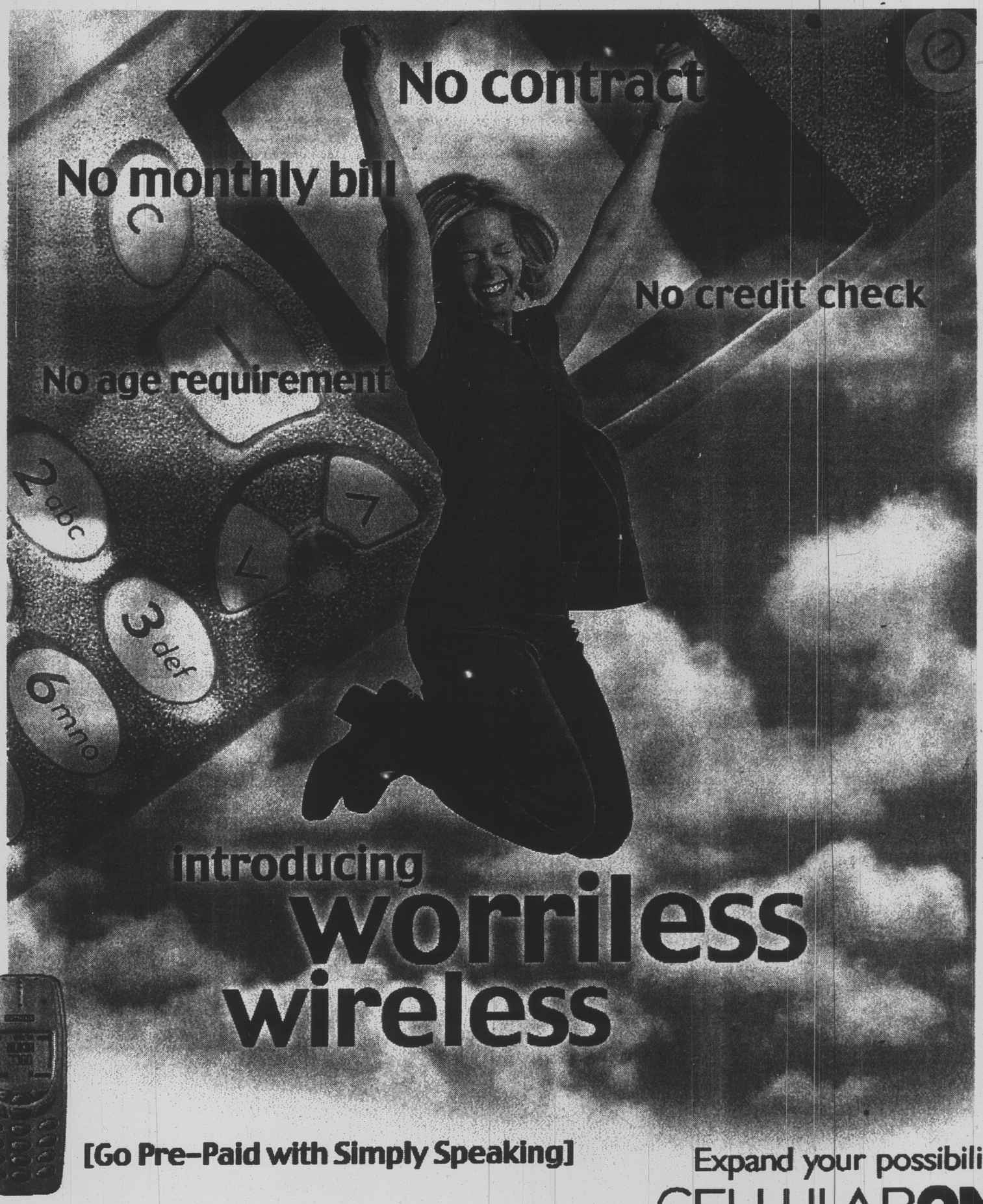
After approval by the senate, the finance committee allocated $200 to Zeta Tau Alpha to help fund the sorority's Shoot For A Cure 3 on 3 basketball tournament. That committee also discussed 22 new ideas for intramurals. An intramural committee will be formed and will discuss these events in detail. Also, Student Affairs will be taking care of darts, ping-pong and billiards intramural events.

The trip to West Virginia's state penitentiary is sold out! In the making are a trip to see "Tony and Tina's Wedding" on November 16, and a trip to see the "Lion King." Also, on Oct. 31, SGA will be hosting a Halloween party at 7 p.m. before the Organ concert. Come to Orr Lobby for apple bobbing, a costume contest, candy, snacks and other fun games.

Coming up in the Down Under: comedian Michael Dean Ester will perform Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. Night Owl Bowling will take place again on Nov. 2 from 12-2 a.m. The cost is $2 per person. The movie, "Orange County" will be shown Oct. 25 at 9 p.m. Also, the Down Under is open Monday and Thursday nights for a place to study or hang out.

The weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. We meet Wednesday nights at 7 in Philips lecture hall. Also, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, please email us at sga@westminster.edu.





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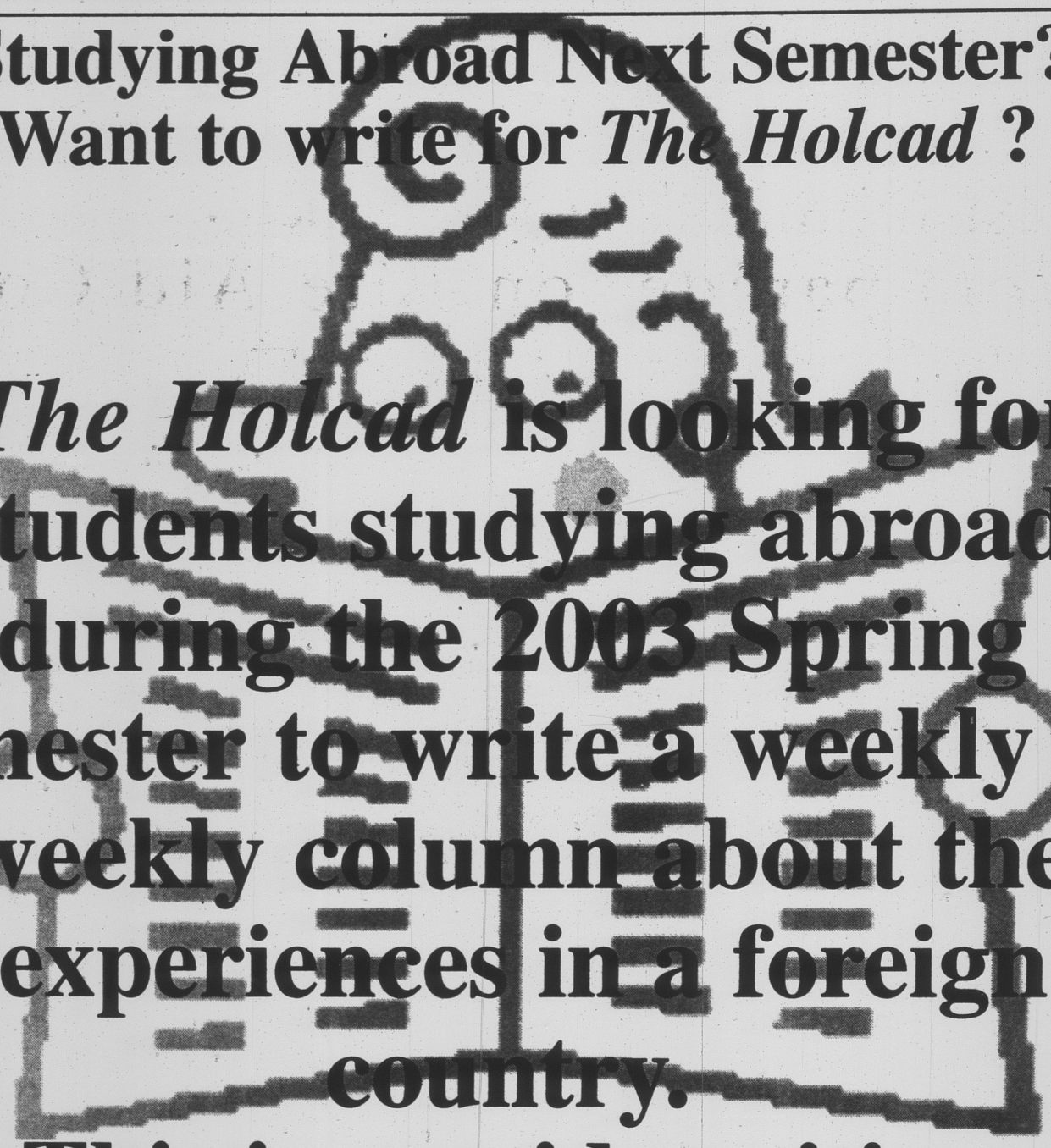

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Soprano cast members banned from parade

NEW YORK (AP) Mayor Michael Bloomberg celebrated Italian heritage on Sunday in the Bronx, a day before he planned to skip the main Columbus Day parade where he's told his friends from "The Sopranos" are not welcome.

Bloomberg had said he would skip the Columbus Day parade in Manhattan on Monday because organizers would not allow him to bring along two cast members of the hit HBO show, which they say perpetuates negative stereotypes of Italian-Americans.

So Sunday found him in the Bronx, marching with local officials and warmly greeted by onlookers.

"It's great to be in the Bronx and it's great to be at a parade where you can march with all your friends," Bloomberg said.

The Columbus Citizens Foundation, which runs the Manhattan parade, had sought a federal court order banning Bloomberg from bringing Dominic Chianese and Lorraine Bracco to the annual celebration of Italian pride. Chianese plays New Jersey mob boss Junior Soprano, while Bracco plays a psychiatrist treating mobster Tony Soprano.

After both sides agreed that the organizers had the right to invite or disinvite anyone to their parade, the judge said he had nothing to rule on.

Frank Fusaro, vice president of the group, said they still wanted Bloomberg to march by himself. Bloomberg refused to march unless the two were allowed to go with him. He said he would instead have lunch with the actors on Monday.

"Everybody should lighten up a little," Bloomberg said Sunday at the Bronx parade.

The mayor said he invited the pair because of the work they do for the city Bracco as a spokeswoman on environmental issues, and Chianese for making a public service announcement on behalf of tourism.

One onlooker at the Bronx parade was disgusted by the controversy.

"It's a TV series," said Donna Inzano of the Bronx. "They're not really in the mob. They're only actors."

Government cracks down on Rite Aid Corp.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Lawyers for four men charged in the Rite Aid Corp. accounting case say publicity has not waned since the June indictment of their clients, underscoring the need to move the trial out of Harrisburg.

Replying to government objections to their request last month for a change of venue, the lawyers say media coverage has continued and ``even a casual review of the coverage reveals a pervasive hostility toward defendants."

Lawyers for former Rite Aid Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Martin L. Grass and three others who face charges of accounting irregularities want the trial moved from the U.S. District Court in Harrisburg to Pittsburgh to offset pretrial publicity.

The U.S. attorney's office in Harrisburg argues a change of venue is unwarranted unless jury selection determines that it is impossible to find an impartial pool of local jurors. The government has suggested shifting the trial to Williamsport or Scranton if an impartial jury cannot be found in Harrisburg.

Along with Grass, Franklin Brown, the drug retailer's former chief counsel and vice chairman, and Franklyn Bergonzi, former executive vice president and chief financial officer, face charges including conspiracy to defraud, fraud involving the purchase or sale of securities and making false statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Grass and Brown are also charged with tampering with witnesses and obstructing various investigations.

Eric S. Sorkin, Rite Aid's executive vice president for pharmacy services and the lone current executive facing charges, was indicted on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice and making false statements to a grand jury. He was suspended by the company after his indictment.

All four men have pleaded innocent to the charges.

Prosecutors say that most of the alleged crimes are related to the accounting irregularities that led Rite Aid, one of the nation's biggest drug store chains, to restate its 1998 and 1999 earnings by about $1.6 billion.

Most of the offenses carry a maximum of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine, but the securities-fraud charge is punishable by as long as 10 years behind bars and a $1 million fine.

Regional Briefs

Local mayor resigns

WATTSBURG, Pa. (AP) The mayor of Wattsburg has resigned less than 10 months after getting elected with 20 write-in votes. Jason Patterson, 26, said he was stepping down because Wattsburg borough council members were "making poor decisions," though he would not elaborate. Local officials said they thought Patterson grew tired of heated arguments that erupted in meetings about a new water system for the 378-resident borough, just south of Erie. Borough Council President Ron Hartman said Patterson is young and inexperienced. He said Patterson was upset because he "didn't like some of the way things worked in the council." "There's more to being mayor than getting to throw out candy at a parade," Hartman said. The job pays $45 per month. Hartman said a few people have expressed interest in replacing Patterson for the four-year term.

Fire shuts down nuclear power plant

BERWICK, Pa. (AP) The Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant returned to service Monday, two weeks after a mechanical failure and a subsequent fire shut it down. PPL Corp.'s reactor near Berwick had been off-line since Sept. 30, when a momentary power loss triggered an automatic shutdown. The problem was fixed within days, but an electrical transformer caught fire Oct. 3 when personnel tried to turn the reactors back on. No one was injured and the fire was confined to the transformer, PPL said. The damaged equipment has since been replaced. Before Sept. 30, the plant about 25 miles southwest of Wilkes-Barre had run for 526 consecutive days. PPL is a global energy company based in Allentown.

Pet cats stabbed in yard

QUAKERTOWN, Pa. (AP) Two pet cats were killed and several others wounded when they were stabbed inside their backyard pen, police said. Three more cats were missing after the attack and only one of the 11 cats in the pen escaped injury. Owner Toni Marina kept the cats in a miniature house in the backyard of her home in Richland Township, Bucks County. She said she thinks the intruder entered the yard Tuesday night. When she went to the pen the following morning, she said she found Roddy, an orange tabby, covered in blood, with a hole in his side. She said she didn't check the other cats because she was rushing to work, but when she did that afternoon she found a second dead cat and four others with stab wounds. Four were missing she said, but she found one with stab wounds hiding under the house. The injured cats were being treated at the Quakertown Veterinary Clinic, Marina said. Marina said she was shocked by the attack. "I'd tell people that one certain cat was my favorite, but then I'd realize that I said that about all of them," Marina said. "I only cry when no one sees it. I am putting logic before my emotions. Being angry isn't going to help my kitties or catch the person who did this." Marina said she would offer an award for any information about the attack.

NATIONAL

Sniper shootings continue in D.C. area

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia (CNN) — Police said Tuesday they were working with witnesses to the latest Washington-area sniper shooting and might be able to produce a sketch of a man who aroused suspicion at the scene, as well as license plate information on a van seen in the area.

Police said ballistic evidence had conclusively linked Monday night's fatal shooting to the sniper attacks. The victim, identified as Linda Franklin, 47, of Arlington, Virginia, was slain by a single gunshot in the parking area of a Home Depot store.

"There was some additional information that we were able to get from last night's case," said Fairfax Police Chief Tom Manger, "and I am confident that ultimately, that information is going to lead us to an arrest in this case."

Manger said there were several witnesses to the shooting, but he would not say whether they saw the sniper.

Based on witness accounts, police were on the lookout for a light-colored Chevrolet Astro van with the left taillight out and a silver ladder rack on top — a vehicle similar to a white van witnesses reported seeing shortly after the sniper struck Friday in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Some witnesses in the area said they saw a cream-colored van driving around the area after the shootings. Witnesses got license tag numbers and gave them to authorities.

"We received license plate information from several witnesses — different information on different tags," he said. "We're following up on all that information. We are not ready to release any tag information about a suspect vehicle."

The sniper has now killed nine people and wounded two over the past 13 days, each victim shot with a single .223-caliber bullet.

Manger said investigators were still looking for the origin of the shot. He would not say whether it appeared the shot was fired from a distance, as has been the case with the other shootings.

The shooting happened around 9:15 p.m. at the Seven Corners Center on U.S. Highway 50 in Falls Church, Manger said.

Manger said the woman had finished shopping at the Home Depot and was at her vehicle on the ground level of a two-story parking garage outside the store when she was shot once in the upper body. She was dead at the scene.

According to Ellen Qualls, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Governor's Office, the victim was with her husband.

Raymond Massis, a witness, said he heard a shot as he approached the front of the Home Depot.

"People started panicking — I was one of them. A few seconds later people started running. We heard the sirens," he said. "I looked back toward Route 50, which is about 20 to 30 yards away from me, and saw the body laying down."

Police officers and investigators blanketed the area shortly after the shooting.

Authorities blocked off Interstate 495 — the so-called "Beltway" — and set up roadblocks along U.S. Highway 50, which leads from Virginia into Washington and connects to I-495. They also closed the George Washington Parkway, the American Legion Bridge and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Police began easing the roadblocks several hours after the killing.

The sniper task force — made up of police, FBI agents, members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Secret Service — converged on the scene. The Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department is leading the investigation.

In the same shopping center as the Home Depot is a Michaels craft store. The sniper began his shooting spree on October 2 at a Michaels in Aspen Hill, Maryland, but missed his intended target. The sniper wounded a woman at a Michaels two days later in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Authorities are offering a $500,000 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the shooter.

President Bush, speaking out for the first time on the string of deadly slayings, said Monday the spree is "a form of terrorism."

"I'm just sick — sick to my stomach — to think that there is a cold-blooded killer at home taking innocent life," Bush said. "I weep for those who have lost their loved ones... Any time anybody is randomly shooting, randomly killing, randomly taking life, it's cold-blooded murder."

Monday night's shooting makes Fairfax County, Virginia, the fifth locale in the Washington area in which the sniper has struck. Other shootings took place in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, Spotsylvania and Prince William counties in Virginia, and Washington.

National Briefs

Student falls off car and dies

Missouri (AP) A student who died after falling from the hood of a moving car wasn't committing a daredevil act, his mother said. "He just slid off the car and hit his head the wrong way," said Betsy Waldman, of Independence. "We're not blaming anyone or anything. The police might look at it differently." John Waldman, 19, died Thursday, five days after falling from the car's hood in a Wal-Mart parking lot in Columbia. Waldman was sitting on the car's hood when the car started to drive away, witnesses said. Because the accident happened on private property, it does not fall under laws governing vehicular accidents, police Sgt. Gerald Greene said. Detectives sometimes review such incidents, Greene said, but Waldman's death "appears to be just an accident." Waldman had attended the University of Missouri and was visiting friends there, his mother said. This year, he was attending Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.

Boy killed by freight train

MINOA, N.Y. (AP) Police say a 17-year-old boy was killed when he tried to outrun a freight train while cutting through a suburban Syracuse rail yard. Douglas Buskey, of Minoa, was pronounced dead at the scene from massive head injuries, Manlius Police Capt. Bill Bleyle said Monday. The teen apparently ran across the tracks trying to beat a fast-moving CSX freight train late Sunday night. The train was moving about 55 mph as it entered the Minoa-East Syracuse rail yard and was slowing down when the accident occurred, Bleyle said. The boy was walking through the yard about 11 p.m. with a friend, police said. The friend stood on the side of the tracks and did not try to run in front of the train, he said. "He [Buskey] saw the train coming. Mentioned it to the other person that he was with that he was going to attempt to beat the train out. He ran but was not able to clear the train's way," Bleyle said. There is a pedestrian bridge crossing the yard but investigators do not know why the two youths did not use it.

Telemarketer saves a life

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio (AP) A woman's life may have been saved by a Canadian telemarketer who notified American authorities that the woman was in need of emergency help. Word was relayed to the Belmont County 911 center, which dispatched paramedics who found Margaret Pope, of Morristown, lying unresponsive in her home on Friday. She underwent emergency surgery for internal bleeding and was listed in fair condition Monday at Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling, W.Va. The Belmont County sheriff's office said Carter McLaughlin, a supervisor at RMH Teleservices Inc. office near Fredricton, New Brunswick, had placed a telemarketing call to Pope's home Friday night. Pope told McLaughlin she was unable to call 911 and needed an ambulance. A 911 operations worker said Pope has a visual impairment that may have hampered her ability to call. Adhering to office policy, McLaughlin notified the Maine State Police of Pope's situation in Ohio. The troopers called the Belmont County Sheriff's Department, which called the local 911 center. The emergency squad found Pope lying on the floor unresponsive but still breathing, deputies said. Donna Grant, a nursing supervisor at the hospital, said McLaughlin's actions greatly aided in saving Pope's life. Grant said the chances were great that Pope could have bled to death had she not received immediate medical attention.

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INTERNATIONAL

Australian men accused of brutal killing spree

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) The trial began Monday of two men accused of a grisly killing spree in which four men allegedly hid the dismembered bodies of their victims in acid-filled barrels in southern Australia, court officials said.

John Justin Bunting, 35, has been charged with murdering 12 people during a 20-month period from October 1997. Robert Joe Wagner, 30, faces eight counts of murder.

All charges relate to eight bodies found in plastic barrels in Snowtown, north of South Australia state capital, Adelaide, in May 1999, two found buried in a suburban Adelaide backyard, and two found in other places that have not been disclosed.

The so-called ``bodies-in-barrels case'' was one of Australia's most gruesome mass murders and was splashed across newspapers for months.

Another two men were charged with some of the murders. James Spyridon Vlassakis, 22, pleaded guilty earlier this year to four murders. He was sentenced to a minimum of 26 years in prison.

Wagner also pleaded guilty in a pretrial hearing last month to murdering three people, but denied any part in the other slayings.

The other accused, Mark Ray Haydon, 43, faces three counts of murder. No date has yet been set for his trial.

In her opening address in the South Australian Supreme Court on Monday, prosecutor Wendy Abraham said police were met with the pungent smell of rotting meat when they opened the bank vault at Snowtown in May 1999.

She said six plastic barrels in the vault were later found to contain the mutilated bodies of eight people some of whom had been dismembered and with flesh removed from bones.

Abraham said evidence from up to 500 witnesses would also tell of victims being tortured, and reveal that those who were murdered had some of their possessions stolen and their personal details used to access social security payments.

"The accused were, in effect, in the business of killing," she said.

The trial is scheduled to run for six months.

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International Briefs

TA charged with murder

LONDON (AP) A judge on Monday denied bail to a former teaching assistant charged in connection with the murder of two 10-year-old girls, a crime that shocked the nation. Maxine Carr, 25, has been charged with obstructing the police inquiry into the deaths of Jessica Chapman and Holly Wells, who disappeared from their hometown in eastern England in August. Carr's boyfriend, Ian Huntley, is accused of killing the girls. Holly and Jessica disappeared from their hometown of Soham on Aug. 4, sparking a huge police manhunt and intense press coverage. Carr and Huntley, a 28-year-old caretaker at a nearby secondary school, were arrested two weeks later, a day before the bodies were found about seven miles away from Soham in a nature preserve.

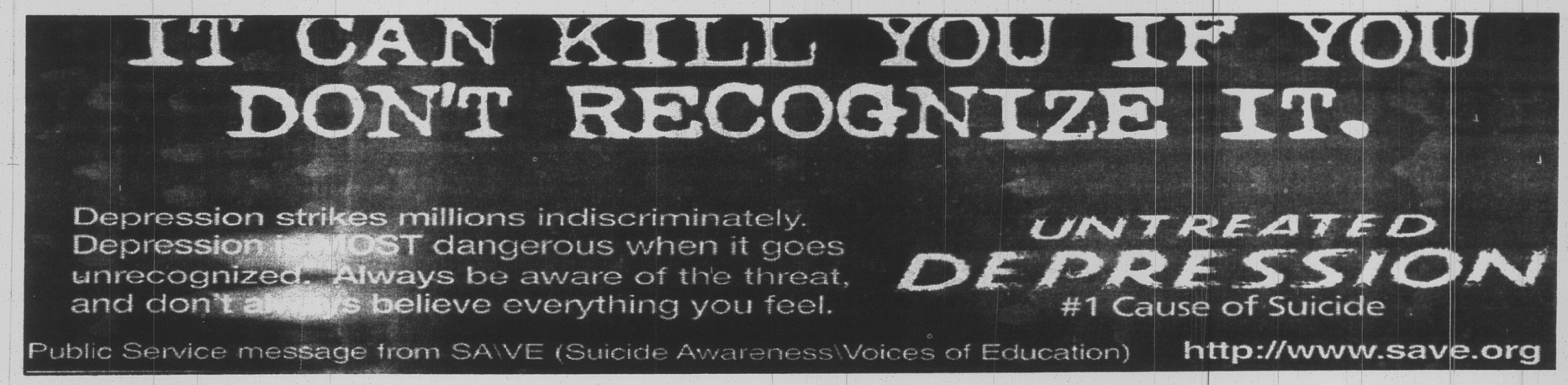
Judge David Mellor refused Carr's bail application at a hearing at Norwich Crown Court. She will continue to be held at Holloway Prison in London. Huntley has been held at a high-security psychiatric hospital since his arrest Aug. 20. Carr was not in court for Monday's hearing. Her next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 15.

New Internet rules issued

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) Vietnam has issued new rules requiring businesses and organizations to get government permission before setting up new Web sites, an official said Monday. Worried by the increasing numbers of Vietnamese with access to news from outside sources, officials have been trying to tighten their control over the Internet. The government recently ordered that owners of the country's estimated 4,000 Internet cafes be held responsible for controlling their clients' Web surfing. In March, police arrested physician Pham Hong Son for translating posting an article on democracy from a U.S. State Department Web site and posting it on the Internet. In August, the government shut down an online political forum, TTVNOnline.com, for posting information critical of the government. The Ministry of Culture and Information, which issued the new rules, did not divulge the penalties for breaking them. Under current law, however, Internet offenses in the tightly controlled communist country are punishable by fines of up to 50 million dong (US$3,250) or up to three years in jail.

NATO maintains peace

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) NATO announced Monday it would maintain its peace mission in Macedonia until Dec. 15 following a request from the president of the troubled Balkan nation. The mandate of the 800-strong alliance force was due to expire Oct. 26, but NATO agreed to stay on after the European Union failed to agree on terms to take it over. Dutch troops will continue to play a lead role in the mission, NATO said in a statement. The latest extension is the fourth since NATO troops were first deployed in August, 2001, to collect rebel weapons and oversee the peace process between government forces and ethnic Albanian rebels. The EU had been hoping to take over the mission as the first task in its efforts to set up a military arm, which is to eventually comprise a rapid reaction force of up to 60,000. However, its aspirations have been delayed by a Greek-Turkish spat over respective interests in the region.



SPORTS

NFL Weekly

Weekly predictions on the upcoming weekend:

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Detroit at Buffalo

The Bills got a huge win last week against first place Miami. Buffalo is starting to develop as a team. I rea.lize that Miami was without QB Jay Fiedler , but Buffalo dominated every aspect of that game. Eric Moulds is having a phenomenal year and look for him to have a huge day against the Lions. Detroit is the kind of team that will bea.t Buffalo if it doesn't come rea.dy to play. I think Buffalo will be rea.dy.

Tennessee at Cincinnati

Both tea.ms had two weeks to prepare for this game. The Bengals are still looking for their first win of the yea.r. I don't know why, but for some odd reason I think they are going to get. Tennessee has a crucial division game at Indianapolis on November 3rd. Don't be surprised if the Titans overlook the lowly Bengals. This is my upset special: the Bengals over the Titans. Hey, they've got to win sometime, right?

Seattle at Dallas

Almost every week I pick the Seahawks to win, but they never do. This is it. If Sea.ttle doesn't win this week against the Cowboys, then I won't pick them the rest of the yea.r. Sea.ttle has so much talent, but for some reason they continue to struggle. Look for Emmitt Smith to break Walter Payton' s all-time rushing record. Smith will have a big day, but I think Seattle will end up winning.

Oakland at Kansas City

Both of these teams have lost two straight games. Unfortunately for Kansas City, both of their loses came against teams .in their division. The Chiefs can ill-afford to lose another pivotal division game. The AFC West is considered to be the .best division in football. A loss on Sunday to the Raiders would all but end KC's hopes for the playoffs. Oakland is too strong, and I think they will get a huge win at Kansas City.

Chicago at Minnesota

It's a battle of struggling NFC North teams. Neither tea.m can afford a loss this week, especially the Bears. Minnesota is out of the playoff race, but the Bears still have a very slim chance. However, Chicago has to win this weekend at Minnesota. If the Bears don't, then watch out. They have to play Philadelphia, New England, and St. Louis in the upcoming weeks, respectively. Chicago is down, but I think they'll get the win this week. The Bears win in a squeaker.

Atlanta at New Orleans

In the next couple weeks, we will begin to find out if the mediocre teams are for rea.l. Atlanta is one of those teams. This is a big game for the Falcons. A win would get them right back into the playoff picture. They would only be two games behind the Saints in the NFC South. New Orleans has been playing very this year. They have alrea.dy beaten five playoff teams from a year ago. I think they'll will continue their success this weekend against the Falcons. The Saints will win.

Cleveland at NY Jets

It was a good move by Jets head coach Herman Edwards to start Chad Pennington two weeks ago. Pennington has led the Jets to a 1-1 record so far this year. Opposing teams now have to worry about the Jet passing attack, and that has opened up holes for Curtis Martin. The Jets have gained some confidence over the last couple weeks. New York will win by a field goal.

Tampa Bay at Carolina

Carolina has rea.lly been struggling as of late. After losing Rodney Peete, it seems like Carolina's momentum was completely shattered. Meanwhile, the Bucs are coming off a tough loss to Philadelphia last weekend. Do you remember what happened after the last game Tampa lost? They went into Baltimore and destroyed the Ravens 25-0. Look for more of the same this weekend in Carolina. I like the Bucs to win big.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore

It's a battle for first place in the AFC North Division. The Steelers are a new team with Tommy Maddox behind center. They have won two and a row; but Jerome Bettis is out with a sprained knee. I think the key to the game is whether or not the Steelers will still be able to run the football. Pittsburgh has enough weapons to get the job done on the road. It will be close, but the Steelers will take the division lead.

Arizona at San Francisco

This game is also for first place in the division. Arizona has won three in a row, but I think their luck is going to change this weekend. Playing in San Francisco is very tough to do. Arizona hasn't proven to me that they are capable of beating an above-average team. Until they do it, I can't pick them to win these kind of games. I'II take San Francisco to win at home.

Denver at New England

Even though the Patriots have lost three straight, this is still one of the better games of the day. The Broncos are up there with the elite teams in the AFC. However, none of those teams have separated themselves from the rest of the pack. I think Denver will do that this week. The Broncos do an excellent job of running the football. and the Pats have trouble stopping the run. What does that mean? It means that Denver will beat the defending Super Bowl champs.

Houston at Jacksonville

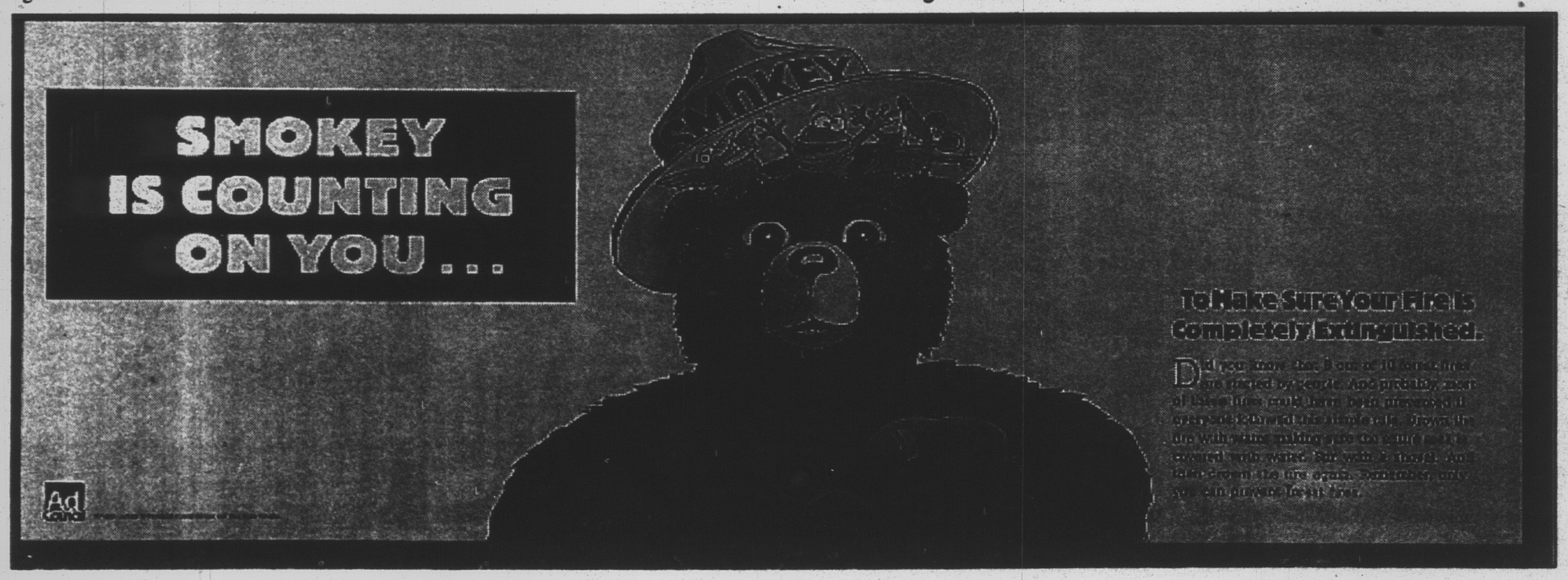
Jacksonville has been sputtering as of late. They have lost two in a row, both of which were to average teams: Tennessee and Baltimore. What a perfect time to play the Texans. Houston has been improving, and I think they will give the Jags a game. It won't be enough to win in Jacksonville. The Jaguars will win.

Indianapolis at Washington

Indy looked a little sluggish on Monday Night against the Steelers. The offense couldn't get anything going; credit the Steeler defense for that. I think the Colts will put up some points against Washington. Also, I think the Skins' will do the same. It will be a classic shootout, and Indy will pull away in the end.

NY Giants at Philadelphia

Donovan McNabb continues to impress me. The Eagles got a huge win the past weekend at home against Tampa Bay. That win should boost their confidence quite a bit. New York hasn't done much this year. I can't see them going into Philly on Monday Night and upsetting the Eagles. Look for Philadelphia to dominate.



WC Sports briefs

Women's Soccer

The Westminster women's soccer team improved to 11-5-1 overall and a perfect 7-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titan kickers posted a 7-0 shutout of PAC rival Bethany. With the win, Westminster tightened its grip on first place in the PAC, while extending its current unbeaten streak to nine games (8-0-1).

Westminster led 2-0 at the half, then put the game away with five second half goals. The senior forward duo of Katie Krone (Sebastopol, CA/Analy H.S.) and Tammy Newell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) recorded two goals each, with Krone also recording a pair of assists. Senior Ashley Tonks (Erie/Harborcreek H.S.), junior Danielle White (Niles, OH/Howland H.S.) and freshman Tara Hoellerman (Wexford/Pine-Richland H.S.) each added solo goals. Sophomore Melissa Schroeder (Irwin/Penn-Trafford H.S.) also recorded two assists, while junior Michelle Chovan (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) and sophomore Stephanie Toth (Elizabeth/Elizabeth Forward H.S.) added one assist apiece.

Sophomores Laura Vollmer (Butler/Butler H.S.) and Lisa Santoriella (South Euclid, OH/Beaumont H.S.) split the shutout in goal for Westminster, with Vollmer playing the first 55:45 and making two saves, while Santoriella added one save in the final 34:15. Westminster outshot Bethany 32-5 and held a 2-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Westminster women's soccer is back in action on Sunday, Oct. 27, as the Lady Titans travel to Greenville to face PAC rival Thiel College at 1 p.m. WC defeated Thiel 7-1 in New Wilmington on Oct. 8.

Don't step on the grass...

The Westminster Titans will try for their third consecutive win this Saturday, as they face local PAC rival Grove City. The Wolverines will try to end a three-game losing streak, including a 30-24 loss at league rival Waynesburg last Saturday.

Titans of the Week

Three Westminster College football players have been honored as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the Titans' 13-10 victory at Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Thiel College on Saturday.

Junior offensive guard Glenn Silvidi (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) was named Offensive Titan of the Week against Thiel. Silvidi keyed an outstanding performance by the Titan offensive line, which opened holes for sophomore tailback Scott Froelich's (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) seventh consecutive 100-yard rushing effort.

Senior defensive tackle Erick Pabis (Belle Vernon/Belle Vernon H.S.) was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week for his play against the Tomcats. Pabis recorded 14 tackles and three assists, including six tackles for -20 yards and a pair of quarterback sacks. in the Thiel win. He was also named Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels was freshman running back Sean Buggey (Homer City/Homer-Center H.S.). Buggey returned four kicks for 122 yards (30.5 avg.) on Saturday at Thiel, including a 61-yard return to set up the Titans' game-winning touchdown after Thiel had taken a 10-6 lead.

Westminster (4-2, 2-1 PAC) continues play against PAC competition this Saturday, Oct. 26, as the Titans travel to play at local conference rival Grove City College (2-5, 1-3 PAC) at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Soccer

The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 10-3-2 overall and a perfect 8-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in Bethany, W.Va., as the Titan kickers posted a 3-2 win over league rival Bethany College. Westminster has now won nine straight games, breaking the program record of eight consecutive wins set during the 2000 campaign. In addition, the Titans strengthened their lead over Bethany (6-1-1) in the PAC regular season standings.

Bethany took command early, jumping out to an early 2-0 lead with goals in the 26th and 38th minutes. Westminster got on the scoreboard one minute before halftime, as a goal by junior forward Todd Fisher (Grove City/G

Grove City H.S.) assisted by senior midfielder B.J. Mathieu (Pittsburgh/Penn Hills H.S.) cut the lead to 2-1 at intermission. Westminster knotted the score at 2-2 with an unassisted goal by sophomore midfielder John Booth (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) in the 56th minute, then scored the game-winner in the 68th minute on a goal by junior forward Matthew Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) assisted by classmate James Green (Canonsburg/Canon-McMillan H.S.).

Senior Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) went the distance in goal for the Titan kickers, making eight saves en route to the victory. Westminster held a narrow 12-11 advantage in shots over Bethany, while the Bison held a 7-5 advantage in corner kicks in the contest.

The Westminster men's soccer team will try to continue its winning streak on Thursday (Oct. 24), as the Titans travel to face Lake Erie College in a non-conference game at 4 p.m.

Cross Country

The Westminster College men's and women's cross country teams competed today at the Washington & Jefferson College Invitational in Washington, Pa.. The Titan men captured the team title in a five-team field, while the Lady Titans finished second out of six teams.

Junior Sean Gallagher (Valencia/Mars Area H.S.) was the top Titan men's finisher, placing third overall in a 45-runner field in 29:03. Other top Titan placers included junior John Libert (McDonald/Fort Cherry H.S.), who finished tied for fourth in 29:04; senior Dan Beckwith (Monroeville/Gateway H.S.), who was sixth in 29:16; sophomore Mike Clever (Leechburg/Kiski Area H.S.), who placed in a tie for seventh in 29:45; and junior Tim Snyder (Monaca/Center H.S.), who was ninth in 29:51.

For the Lady Titans, leading the way was junior Sara Ialongo (Ellwood City/Lincoln H.S.) who was second in a 45-runner field in 27:43. Other top Westminster women included sophomore Felicie Reid (North Lima, OH/South Range H.S.), who was eighth in 29:06; senior Nikki Flickinger (West Middlesex/West Middlesex H.S.), who placed ninth in 29:22; freshman Tiffany Walker (Somerset/Somerset H.S.), who finished 22nd in 32:51; and Kacie Zbur (Indiana/Marion Center H.S.), who was 28th in 33:50.

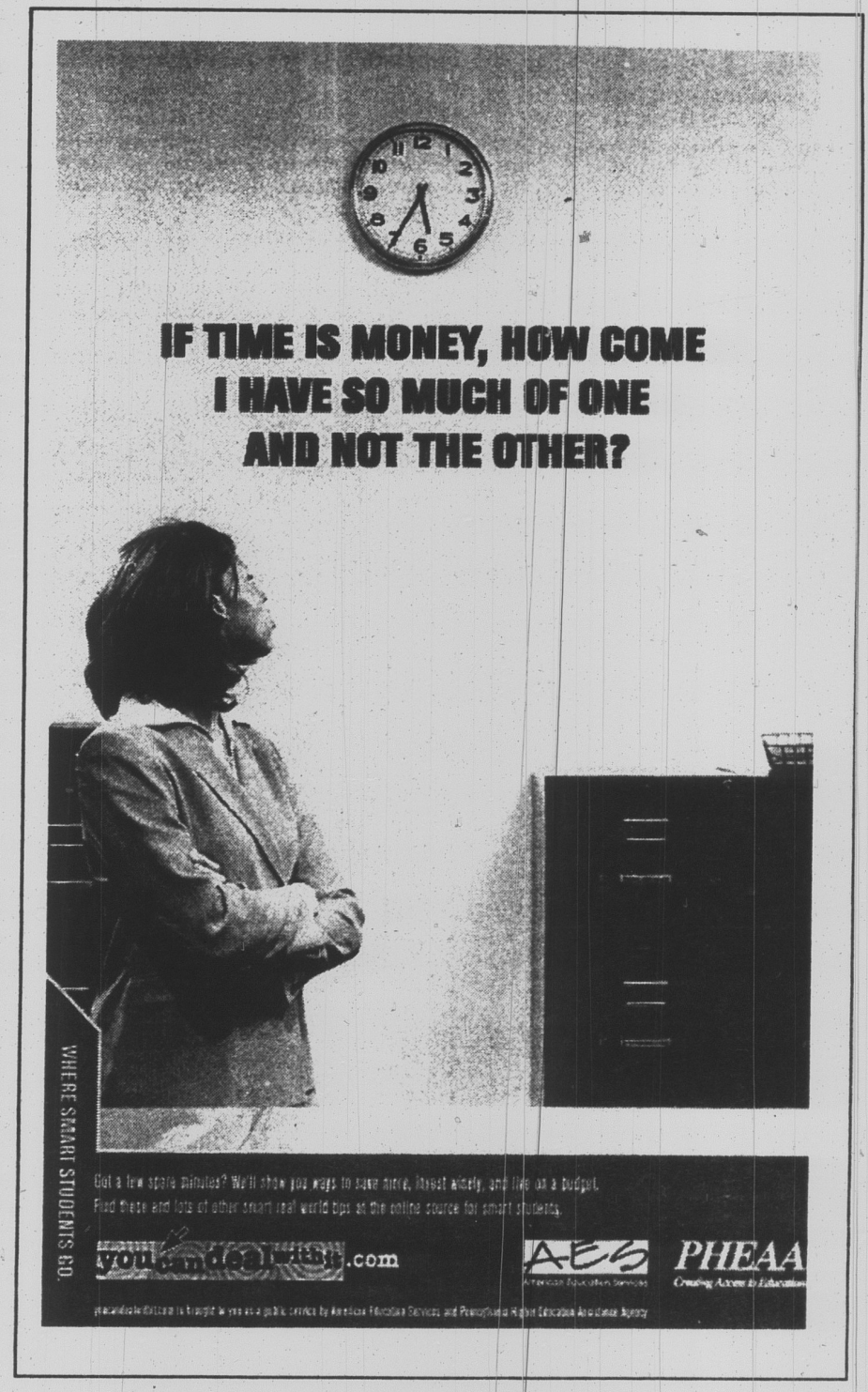
The Westminster cross country teams conclude the 2002 season in two weeks on Saturday, Nov. 2, as the Titans and Lady Titans will compete at the PAC Championships, hosted by Washington & Jefferson.

Volleyball

The Westminster College volleyball team improved to 22-9 overall and a perfect 9-0 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play tonight at College Arena in Grove City, as the Lady Titans clinched the PAC regular season title with a 30-26, 30-22, 30-20 sweep of Grove City College (13-13, 6-3 PAC). With the win, Westminster will now be the top seed and have an opening round bye at the 2002 PAC Volleyball Championships, scheduled for Nov. 1-2 at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

Senior middle hitters Katie Spehar (Malvern, OH/Malvern H.S.) and Suzanne Fitz (Strongsville, OH/Strongsville H.S.) led Westminster with 11 kills apiece, followed by sophomore outside hitter Angie Thompson (Freedom/Ambridge H.S.) with eight kills. Senior Carolee Reed (Hudson, OH/Hudson H.S.) led the squad in three categories: assists (33), service aces (five) and digs (19), while junior McKenzie Crowell (Leetonia, OH/Crestview H.S.) also added 14 digs in the win.

Westminster volleyball will close the 2002 regular season on Saturday, Oct. 26, as the Lady Titans will try to complete a perfect 10-0 conference record when they travel to face league rival Washington & Jefferson College at 11 a.m. Westminster swept W&J 3-0 in New Wilmington on Oct. 10.



OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why did we have a pep rally when all the sports teams had practice?

How should you respond when someone tells you your hair looks like Ramen Noodle Soup?

Hers-Heys

I'm sorry but I will never do or say anything written in chalk.

Mmm pie...

Singing causes tuburculosis!

Bending spoons rule!

Why did someone prank me about a 2-seater bicycle?

I really hope this makes it in.

We want real food!

Why do we have tuition? C'mon, give us a free year of tuition.

Why do we only get 10 channels in Eich? We pay all this money and can't watch TV.

It's about time our homecoming votes counted.

Who keeps calling me about a two seater bicycle?

Homecoming rocks!

Halloween is coming...beware!

We are the pirates who don't do anything...

Why do people believe that paying to go to school here entitles them to do whatever they want?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Winds of Change

There has been an evident rise in the participation in politically related events at Westminster College over the past three years. 2000 was a presidential election year. On the night of the elections, there was an event held in the Down Under for people who wanted to watch the election coverage. Attendance was low, even if they where just coming to get the free pizza.

The following year, Dr. Grove started the Peace Studies program to give people a chance to hear speakers address political issues. Over the year, the participation in these events began to rise. During spring semester that year, a group of students had an idea to organize an event that would bring attention to certain political issues, which they felt where important. The event featured various professors speaking on political issues, how they pertained to college students, and what we as students could do to bring attention to some of these issues, even if it was simply becoming more informed about the issue.

After the event was over some of the members of the group who planned the event, felt that there was still more that needed to be done to bring attention to political issues on this campus. These people started the Westminster College Green Party with the intention of calling attention to "third party" candidates and issues that the Green Party stands for. The group was approved as an official organization by the college at the end of last year, and will soon become affiliated with the national campus greens.

The string of events that spawned the Green Party, coupled with other student organizations that bring attention to political issues such as Allies, S.A.V.E. and the Black Student Union are slowly changing the political climate of our small town conservative campus. Some of the groups' efforts have been amplified by doing cooperative work with various groups both here, and at other colleges. For example, the Pennsylvania gubernatorial debate featured speakers from the Westminster College Green Party, The Speech and Debate Team and The Grove City Libertarians.

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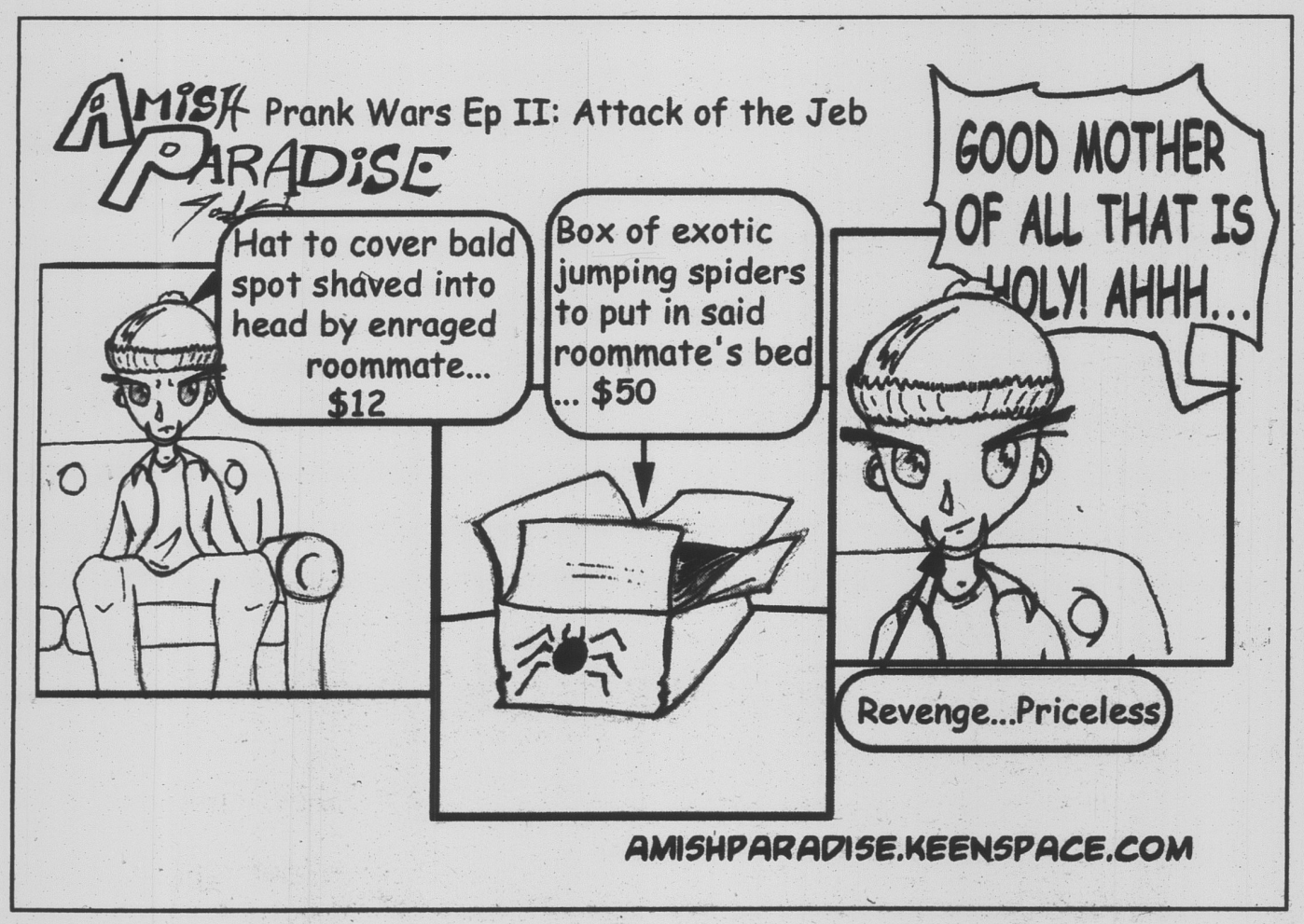
Peace Studies events such as the one pertaining to the proposed "régime change" and war in Iraq, also had fairly large crowds in attendance. This past year, S.A.V.E. decided to combine their Earth Day activities with the Walk For Life and influenced a larger crowd because of the number of the people who where already at the event.

If you are asking yourself, "What is the effect of the increased amount of interest students are having in political issues on this campus"? Well, we are not burning down ROTC offices or getting tear-gassed. But, you may see some students learning about issues and paying more attention to the news outside of their backyard. One day you might wakeup only to find your school serving fairly traded coffee, people getting along in a diversified setting and everyone recycling properly. You have to ask yourself what's next, once can't expect that we'll become the next Berkley or Harvard, but you never know how far student activism can go.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is a sad, sad day when an individual can honestly acknowledge the torment and physical pain inflicted upon them by the very people they are supposed to get to know and trust. The cause of this torture??? The individuals who use the restroom and do not yell the simple two syllable word...flushing. Imagine if you will, you are in a shower. You are enjoying the warmth of the water as it accumulates in depth around your ankles due to the collection of hair in the drain, which certain individuals feel the need to shed and discard for future use by other individuals who feel collecting hair for use in potions is completely normal behavior. As you are mid-euphoric in your cleansing experience, the pressure drops and instantly your body is charred and scarred with scalding water. "OUCH!" you scream in protest, but alas, no one hears your pleas or perhaps better said, they just don't care. Sometimes it even seems that there is a conspiracy. "They" wait in the halls, "They" watch for our bathrobes, "They" strike in unison. This is the selfish mentality of those in residence halls, Shaw in particular, that feel the expression of "flushing" is too much to ask as a courtesy to those in the shower. We believe we speak for all those who take the time to say this simplistic two syllable phrase (and wash their hands afterwards) when we ask for everyone to yell the word "flushing" with pride and enthusiasm. If the word "flushing" is too difficult to utter, the word "flush", dropping the added –ing, or even, if you just want to yell, "Dude! Get away from the water!" will suffice. Other options include but are not limited to:

"Look Out Below!!"
"Hot water at 12 o'clock!"
"Fire in the hole!"
"Fore!!"
"Ok, move two feet to the right!"

Your participation in this movement for showering equality and preservation of basic human flesh will be greatly appreciated. Let's make "Flushing Day" every day.

Flushing: Learn It. Know It. Live It.

Sincerely and with Courtesy,
Heather Kydd,
Sara Baines-Miller,and
Laura Connell

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Jenna and Megan

Tuck Everlasting and Igby Goes Down

Tuck Everlasting
Jenna Chesky

The minute I saw the first advertisement for the screen adaptation of one of the greatest American novels, Tuck Everlasting, I knew I had to see it. I was not, however, up for the 45-minute drive to the nearest theatre playing it. Boardman I can handle, Youngstown sure, Kent not so much. I could just have easily gone home. So I did.

Ah, Pittsburgh theatres complete with overpriced tickets, half hour previews, and the annoying pre-teens in the font row throwing Jolly Ranchers at the screen. How could I forget the showtimes listed in the paper are merely a suggestion as the movie either starts a half hour after the stated time or ten minutes before? Pet peeves aside, as soon as the sweeping score came over the Dolby Surround Sound I was immersed in the immortal world of Tuck Everlasting.

Based on the novel by Natalie Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting is the story of Winnie Foster (Alexis Bledel) and her adventures with the immortal Tuck family. Delightfully adapted to the screen by Jeffrey Lieber and eloquently directed by Jay Russell, the film differs from the book slightly but maintains its immortal spirit.

Winnie finds herself lost in the woods, face to face with Jesse Tuck (Jonathan Jackson). After seeing him drink from the fountain of youth, she is whisked away by Jesse's cynical older brother Miles (Scott Baistow) to the Tucks' cottage. While the elder Tucks, Mae (Sissy Spacek) and Angus (William Hurt) figure out how to handle the situation, Winnie spends her days exploring the woods and falling in love with Jesse. Jesse reveals to Winnie not only his love for her, but the family secret as well. In the meantime, the entire town is searching for Winnie and the mysterious Man in the Yellow Suit (Ben Kingsley) is searching for the Tuck family. After Winnie and the Tucks are found, the plot only thickens, so you'll have to drive a good 45 minutes yourself to find out how it ends.

The Good: With a cast whose credits and accomplishments are overwhelmingly amazing, it was impossible to find fault in the acting. Kingsley, or Gandhi as most know him, Hurt and Baistow played their roles beautifully. General Hospital fans will love the screen time Jackson gets. This is the first movie in which I actually liked Spacek; she was exactly how I envisioned Mae Tuck. You may have seen Bledel in TV's The Gilmore Girls, but now that Hollywood has noticed her, I guarantee they will keep her. The scenery in this film was breathtaking. Heck, I'd see it again just for the shot of the sunrise over the water. It is a PG movie that stays true to its rating and is good for everyone in the family to see.

The Bad: As with virtually all adaptations from literature to film, there were a few plot points left on the cutting room floor, but nothing that took away from the essence of the story. That, and those darn kids in the front row throwing Jolly Ranchers.

The Bottom Line: Worth the 45 minute commute to see.

Tuck Everlasting: Worth the 45 minute drive

Igby Goes Down: A++

Igby Goes Down
Megan Mamula

In a world where insanity is relative, Igby Goes Down is a film that can be considered both insane and humorous in a single breath, as long as that breath contains an F-bomb. Written and directed by Burr Steers, Igby has been labeled a comedy in every dark and tragic sense of the word. Its sometimes-tasteless humor shocks audiences into wondering whether they should laugh or cry, or both.

Igby Slocumb (Kieran Culkin) is as rebelliously tragic as Holden Caulfield, yet he brings new fury to the traditional role of the angry teen. He is surrounded by richly controlled insanity. From his "heinous" and hated mother (Susan Sarandon) to his successful, Republican punk of a brother Ollie (played by a stone-faced Ryan Phillipe), Igby is doomed from the start.

He is expelled from every private school on the East Coast and finds himself fleeing military school to stay with his godfather's bohemian, heroin shooting mistress, Rachel (played by Amanda Peet) in Manhattan. Igby's godfather, D.H. (played by Jeff Goldblum and his enormous ears), is his chief benefactor and guardian after his father (Bill Pullman) is shipped to the mental institution. Claire Danes shows her face in showbiz again as Sookie, Igby's short-lived and smart-mouthed romantic interest who eats a lot of ice cream.

Culkin should be applauded for his portrayal of Igby, the angst-ridden teen who's a glutton for punishment. He could out-scream McCauley any day. The movie is quirky, jaw dropping, awe-inspiring and filled with dry humor. Every character is worth your time. It'll never play at a theater near you, so rent it on DVD.

Rating: A++

Halloween provies a perfect chance to be spooked

by Jillian Jordan
A&E editor

Ever feel a little more spooked than normal during the month of October? This excess paranoia may be a result of the infinite Halloween TV specials, the sight of numerous costumes in every single store, or the constant playing of haunted hayride commercials on the radio stations. However, the eerie feelings felt during this fall month may have something to do with the fact that fear is in the air, residing in every house, in all people. Sure, the constructed "haunted houses" are freaky, but imagine entering into a truly haunted house. Skeptical, are you?

In Pennsylvania and Ohio, there are quite a large number of suspected "haunted" houses. I did a little research on these suspected homes of ghouls and spirits and what I found out is that most of these buildings are practically ancient, having been built in as late as the early seventeenth century. Some have been renovated where others have been turned into historical sites, now standing as museums for the public.

In Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, there stands the Gettysburg College Library among the quaint college campus. It has been said that employees of the library quit due to their claim of seeing a ghost doctor in the basement and hearing horrifying screams of patients as if they were surrounded by their suffering. I hope that McGill Library isn't located on a burial ground as Gettysburg is.

In Altoona, Pennsylvania, Baker mansion, which is now a historical museum, is said to be home to the deceased Baker's son who was supposedly murdered and left in the basement freezer. Appetizing, is it not? Hopefully, tours don't travel down to this floor. It might present a bit of a 'cold' welcome.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania is home to the Inclined Plain Hiking Trail. Along this so-called "haunted trail", many have witnessed the ghosts of a group of miners killed in a close-by mine in the early twentieth century. Their souls have obviously not rested since the mine's explosion. Once again, a place I'm glad exists far from New Wilmington.

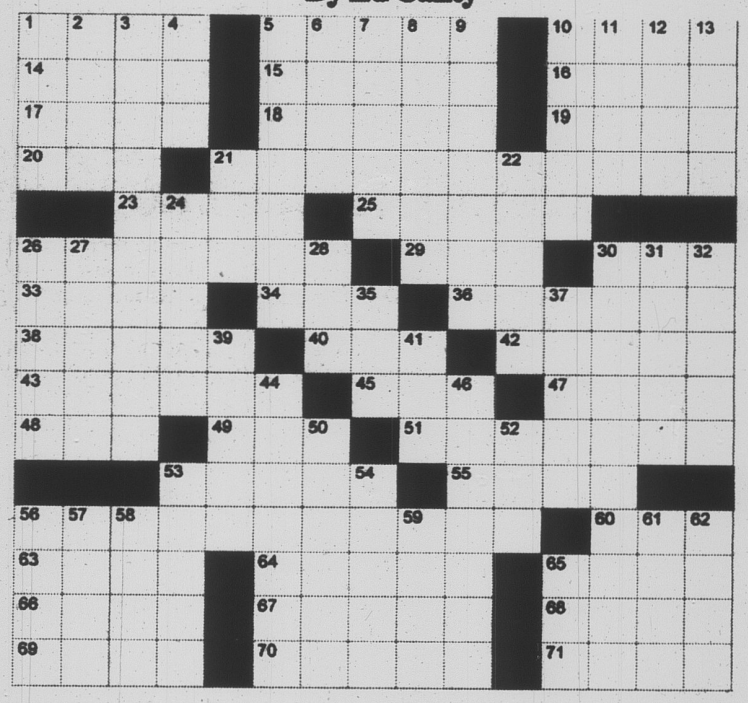
In Westchester, Ohio, you just may be lucky enough to find One Land Bridge on Maud Hughes Road. Supposedly, a woman jumped from her car during an obviously heated argument with her husband. Without realizing that her jump was off of a bridge, she cried out in horror. Years later, after her deadly accident, it is said that if you are driving over the bridge during the night hours, you hear a woman's scream echoing across the bridge.

In Dayton, Ohio resides The Air Force Museum where World War I,World War II, and Vietnam soldiers have been seen within and near a plane that had crashed unluckily in the mountains. A lingering group of "visitors" seemed to be lingering around the plane's display for too long, but when approached, they seemed to vanish. Were the security guards making up this sighting? Take a trip to the museum and find out for yourself. You just might be lucky enough to meet one of these ancient museum visitors.

The paranormal is subject to suspicion and contradictions because it is the unknown. There may be a better explanation for moving objects, invisible voices, and see-through figures in the dark than ghosts. Maybe not. Believe what you want, but around Halloween time, things more often seem to go "bump" in the night.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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5 Comedy
10 Hammer type
14 Eager
15 Greek marketplace
16 Gambling mecca
17 Peddle
18 Abnormal tissue mass
19 Fully aware of
20 Curve
21 Colorless bucket
23 Pennsylvania's lake
25 Peels
26 Workshop
29 Lay
30 Obscured
33 Rainless
34 Perish
36 Did over
38 Latin American dance
40 NBA's Riley
42 Churns
43 Be present
45 Light brown
47 Journey
48 Negatives
49 Drink in small quantities
51 Shooting stars
53 Visionaries
55 Gulp down
56 Mailed the penny
60 Prosciuto
63 Den
64 Alert
65 Comfort
66 Skin problem
67 Abnormal breathing sounds
68 Creamy white cheese
69 Melt
70 Garment
71 Schnozzle

Down

1 Hot stuff
2 Affirm
3 Crush candies
4 Sum
5 Dunce
6 Chills and fever
7 Frolics
8 Frog utterances
9 Sooner
10 Cuts short
11 Miss Horne
12 Prefix for opposite
13 Sheepskin covering
21 Word before hat or ear
22 Register formally
24 Crest
26 Beelzebub
27 Muse of lyric poetry
28 Tear
30 Coat of the bunny
31 Loafer
32 Secretaries
35 Consume
37 Red Roof Inn, e.g.
39 At the start
41 Glasgow cap
44 Traditionalist
46 Freshness
50 Period before WWII
52 Bambino
53 Scatter
54 Series of notes
56 Venetian blind part
57 Every
58 Columbus ship
59 Supplements with difficulty
61 China holder
62 Mild
65 Recede

Quotable Quote

To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains.

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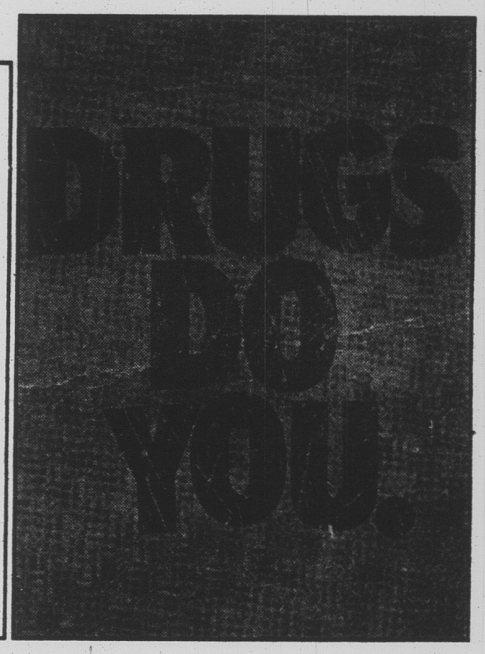

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
It's time to pull out the stops and go ahead with plans... everything you need is now in place. Your partner is annoyed at your independent nature, so resolve this conflict as soon as possible. The idea of how things are supposed to be, and reality, are different.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
Don't jump to conclusions, if it looks great, it probably is. Look beyond appearances and check all facts. Your intuition is right on target, so play your hunches. You have alot going for you, and your energy level is high, be careful of your own strength.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Crying over spilled milk will get you nowhere. Look around you and realize how full your life truly is. Take a lesson from a friend and let their enthusiasm and upbeat nature rub off on you. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Check your financial dealings - you may have overlooked something that will only cause problems later. Since you are not fond of change, don't alarm when a timeless tradition unravels, do your best to roll with the punches. Don't let someone get away with what is yours.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
With your cool approach you have managed to accomplish a task of quite the magnitude. Congratulations. Plan time to unwind, with your significant other. Your week will fly by because your hard work will give you quite a bit of satisfaction.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
It's time to examine your dependence on those who are normally undependable. Financial matters need juggling this week. Look at cutting your losses and moving on. Don't save your love for the perfect person, there are those around you now who would be a great partner.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
There is good cause to keep from letting your feelings get the best of you. A cool and reasonable appearance will get you farther than roller coaster emotions. Your primary love relationship is heading in a new direction. This will be beneficial to the both of you.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders this week. Continue doing a good job, but try not to take such a serious attitude. There may be an unexpected gift of money, use it wisely. The one who loves you best will make things easier for you.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
There is a business opportunity which may present itself and needs to be snatched up before someone else takes advantage of the situation. Things are a little slow at home - humor will remedy any ruts. Focus your attentions on working hard, there will be a reward.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Your energy is excellent, and this vim and vigor may be related to a new exercise program. A relationship or person in your life, which you have always considered a fortress, may be crumbling - it's a perfect opportunity to rebuild according to your own design.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
All matters pertaining to legal procedures must be dealt with efficiently. Prompt action can save you from paying fines or overdue fees. Good communications cannot be stressed enough during the week. Making your home a more comfortable place may require a small investment.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
The choices you make will rest on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what really is in your best interest. If looking for a diplomatic solution concerning co-workers, it's best to take everyone involved into consideration. Do something nice for someone.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Extravagant spending may result from any volatile emotions and unfinished business. Resolving past problems will do absolute wonders for you, and the freer you feel emotionally, the more you will be ready to experience everything around you. Time spent with your significant other will be memorable.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week:
Three-legged dogs and little people love

The following story was a collaborative effort by random students and staff roaming around campus. Each person added a sentence or two to create the tale. This is purely a work of collaborative fiction. No animals were harmed in the production of this story.

-The Editors

I'm losing my hearing in my left ear. (*Johnny Johnston, sophomore*) Could you repeat the question? (*Abby Sumpter, sophomore*) In the past I have been known to promote selective hearing. (*Gwen Kennedy, senior*) Which is probably why the dog won't listen to me and throws up everything I tell him not to eat. (*Nick D'Antonio, senior*) I guess I will never understand why the dog continues to eat all of the garbage out of the garbage cans. (*Ali Kennedy, senior*) Dogs eat dog food. (*Ryan Mensch, junior*)

There's one dog with three legs that hobbles around looking for food. (*Vera Dorosh, sophomore*) He wanders the back streets of Paris saving scraps from behind five-star restaurants to give to his owner, a homeless retired three-star General. (*Sam Seo, sophomore*) Steve, his quasi-deaf, gray haired owner in an attempt to train his lopsided beagle, Pookie, the fine arts of walking with a prosthetic back left leg, began each morning by running laps around the Eiffel Tower throwing the leftover food ten feet ahead of them. (*Libby Mucciarone, junior*)

His intense training gave him the ability to walk like a normal dog again. Steve's arm became so strong from all of the throwing that he decided to tryout for the quarterback position for the Miami Dolphins. (*Terra Dobbins, junior*) He became so obsessed with the Dolphins, however, that he began to think he was one himself. (*Lauren Myers, sophomore*) Realizing his mental freakiness, Steve's closest friend suggested applying for the open position with the local traveling group of carnies. (*Richard Leigh, senior*) They have small hands, those carnie-folk. They kind of remind me of a midget in a basketball game. (*B.J. Mathieu, senior*) Midgets in basketball games do great things. Take for instance the shorter fellow in Hoosiers. He came off the bench to shoot the winning free throw...granny style. (*Seth McCormick, RD of Russell*) Little people need love too. (*Marissa Betters, Senior*)

What does it mean to be normal

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

Normal – conforming to the standard or the common type (The Random House College Dictionary)

Normal...what does it mean to be normal? Is normal when you wake up, brush your teeth, shower, get dressed, eat breakfast and start the day? Is normal when you graduate from high school and go on to college to move higher up into the world? Is normal following the latest fashion trends, exercising and living in a healthy body? What makes a person abnormal? That is what I need to know.

Ever since I can remember opinionated judgments entering my life, people have referred to my personality, beliefs and my demeanor as abnormal. Growing up, I was a tomboy, only wearing boys clothing and playing boy games. I was an outcast from the female population of my neighborhood. I was the kid that believed childhood holiday icons like Santa, the little elves in my attic, the Easter Bunny and Puff the Magic Dragon were alive and living well until I got through the fifth grade. I was the girl that stuck pebbles up my nose out of curiosity, cut the front portion away from my hair so that only short spikes stuck out and thought that someday I would marry Kermit the Frog.

Yes, I know I was young. Children have that exception; they can get away with the thoughts from their innocent, curious, marvelous minds. But words like abnormal, weird and crazy have always been used to describe me. What makes me so different? Who is the judge to tell me that I am not normal? What is following the standard or the common type?

People tell me that I hold a lot of judgment against myself. I take peoples opinions too much to heart. I forget sometimes what it means to be me inside and out. On the outside I can understand why people think I am abnormal. After reading Tuesday's With Morrie, I stopped buying corporate America clothing. I decided to start making my own clothes. It is an amazing feeling to put on an article of clothing that you designed and sewed together yourself. It's as good as birthday or Christmas presents.

I wear skirts over my pants, a long fluffy red coat when I am cold and some pretty funky shoes from time to time.

On the inside, I am full of love for myself. It has taken a very long time to get to that point. I had to be reborn in a sense. I have come to the realization that just because some people don't share the same views and outlooks as I do, that doesn't mean that I am crazy or abnormal. It means that I am me to the fullest I can be, thinking the thoughts I want to think and growing from the opinions and perspectives I admire from companions in my life.

So I don't wake up and start my day with breakfast and a shower. I don't wear what corporate America tells me to wear. Does that really make me abnormal? I know that there are millions of people like me out there in the world, feeling the same distance from the definition of normal. Hopefully they are as proud of themselves as I am.

I don't know anyone who is normal. That is a tough claim to make. Everyone has their own weirdness about them. No one can follow the norm consistently without a flaw. If anyone truly does feel that they are normal, I would love to hear your story. It would be a gift to find out what a normal life is like.

Greetings from Japan: Conversation

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

It's late Saturday night, around 11pm, and I'm walking back from the Makino train station. I had just had a good night with my friends, and I was ready to get back to the apartment and do my homework. As I was walking down the hill towards Seminar House, a Japanese guy on a motorbike pulls up and stops right next to me.

He takes off his helmet and says something in *gasp* Japanese. It ended with a phrase which I translated as ".student?" so I assumed he was asking me if I was a student at Kansai Gaidai. I responded affirmatively, and he came over and started talking to me.

Now, I'm not really great with small talk, let alone talking to people I've never met before. There was no exchange of names, which was confusing (considering all I have to refer to him is "The Random Japanese Guy on a Bike"). I figured that it would be wise if I made it clear how little of the Japanese language I understand. I said the words, he nodded in understanding, and continued to barrage me with questions.in Japanese.

The conversation was quite difficult, as I had to constantly repeat what he said in order to better understand what he was asking. Somehow, I found out that he worked in a ramen shop in Kuzuha. I, in turn, tried to tell him that I had just come from Kuzuha. It took maybe a minute or so to get the point across, but he eventually understood, and asked why I was there. I mentioned Nexus, the arcade, and how I was there with my friends. He then asked if I was taking pictures - it's a cultural fad, to take pictures in little booths which print them out on stickers - with my friends at the arcade. I was surprised to realize that not only could I tell him I hadn't been taking pictures, but I was also able to tell him that I had been playing Dance Dance Revolution (a large arcade game which involves stepping on arrows rhythmically). I was quite proud of myself for that achievement.

After answering his questions on what's my favorite Japanese food (Pocky), and what's my favorite drink (C.C. Lemon), I finally felt like it was time to get moving. I waved, told him that I should get home, and we exchanged goodbyes. He drove off, and I resumed walking home.

As I walked, I kept thinking about what I had said to him. Nihongo ga wakarimasen - quite literally, "I don't understand Japanese." The more I thought about it, the more I felt like I hadn't said it at all. So I thought back, trying to remember what I said and then it hit me - eigo.

English. I had told him I didn't understand English. No wonder he had looked so confused when I used that instead of Japanese.

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here at this important time for our country," Williamson said. "And I'm happy to see record numbers of people here to support it."

This was not the first time the Marine Band has visited Westminster. The band made its debut on campus five years ago, so this was the first time that most of the students had a chance to see the performance.

"I thought it was a really excellent show. I think it was a really good opportunity. To have an actual governmental band that's regulated by so much but still is so creative and able to be so musical is phenomenal," junior music education major Hazel Kean said.

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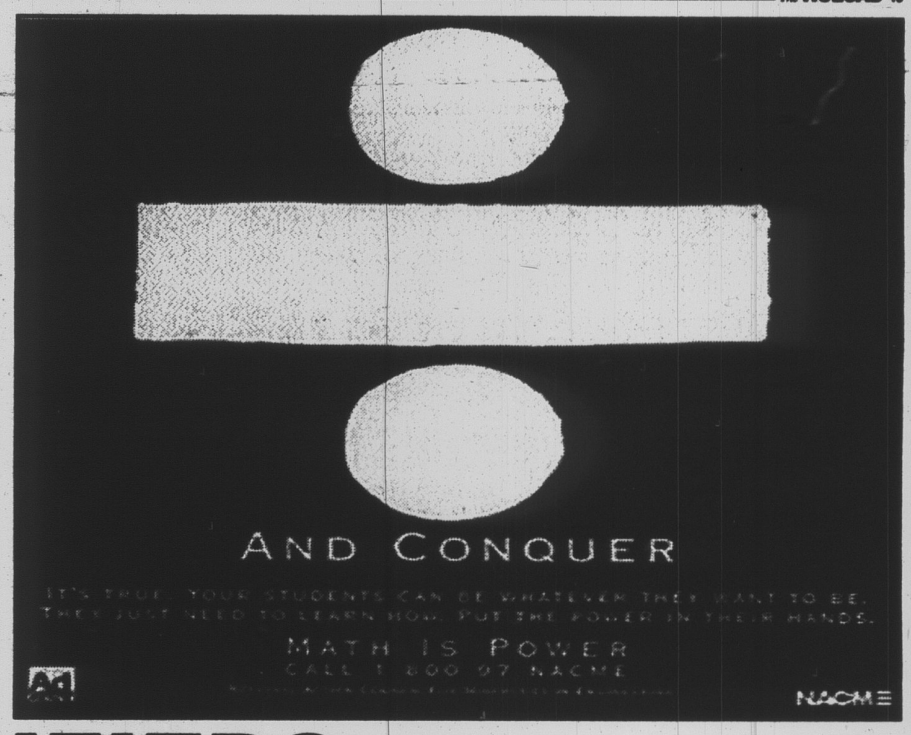


CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

54th Annual New Wilmington Kiwana's Halloween Parade, Saturday, Oct. 26. Line up at 5 p.m. at the Sky Bank Parking Lot, and parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

For Sale: Oak finish dining room set. Table 44" wide by 68" long (84" with leaf), hutch, which is approximately 80" high by 54" wide, and six chairs. Hutch features upper lighted display and plenty of additional storage in lower compartments. Price: $950. Call Mark at (724) 946-7191.

Wanted to Buy: GameCube. Call Carol at (724) 946-7190

The Westminster College Preschool Lab is recruiting student aides for Spring 2003 and the two-week January break. The position requires consistent availability for either Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Experience with young children is preferred. If interested, call Darlene McCoy, Psychology Department secretary, at ext. 7356 to set up an interview before the Nov. 1 deadline.

Westminster College faculty, students and alumni will join together to present a **Halloween organ concert** Thursday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

The Westminster College **Celebrity Series** presents Anne Murray in concert Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 25

Board of Trustees Meetings
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting -TC 315
7:30 p.m. Women's and Men's Choral Cabaret - Orr Auditorium
10:00 p.m. JT's Café

SATURDAY 26

Board of Trustees Meetings
M&W Cross Country @ PAC Championships (Washington, PA)
M Golf @ Western Maryland Invitational
11:00 a.m. Volleyball @ W&J
1:00 p.m. M Soccer @ Waynesburg
1:30 p.m. Football @ Grove City College
7:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Michael Dean Ester - Down Under
8:30 p.m. Newman Club Bonfire - Anderson Amphitheater

SUNDAY 27

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn Clocks Back an Hour)
M Golf @ Western Maryland Invitational
W Soccer @ Thiel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - TC 315
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 28

Last Day to Withdraw from Westminster With Refund
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 29

11:00 a.m. Leadership Education and Development Series:
Ron Coder, former pro football player - Orr Mezzanine
11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting - OM 307
4:00 p.m. W Soccer @ Grove City
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting - HSC 150
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting
7:00 p.m. International Film Festival: Mediterraneo (Italy, 1991)
- Down Under
8:00 p.m. Alpha Gamma Delta Recruitment Party - Chapter Suite
8:00 p.m. Celebrity Series: Anne Murray - Orr Auditorium

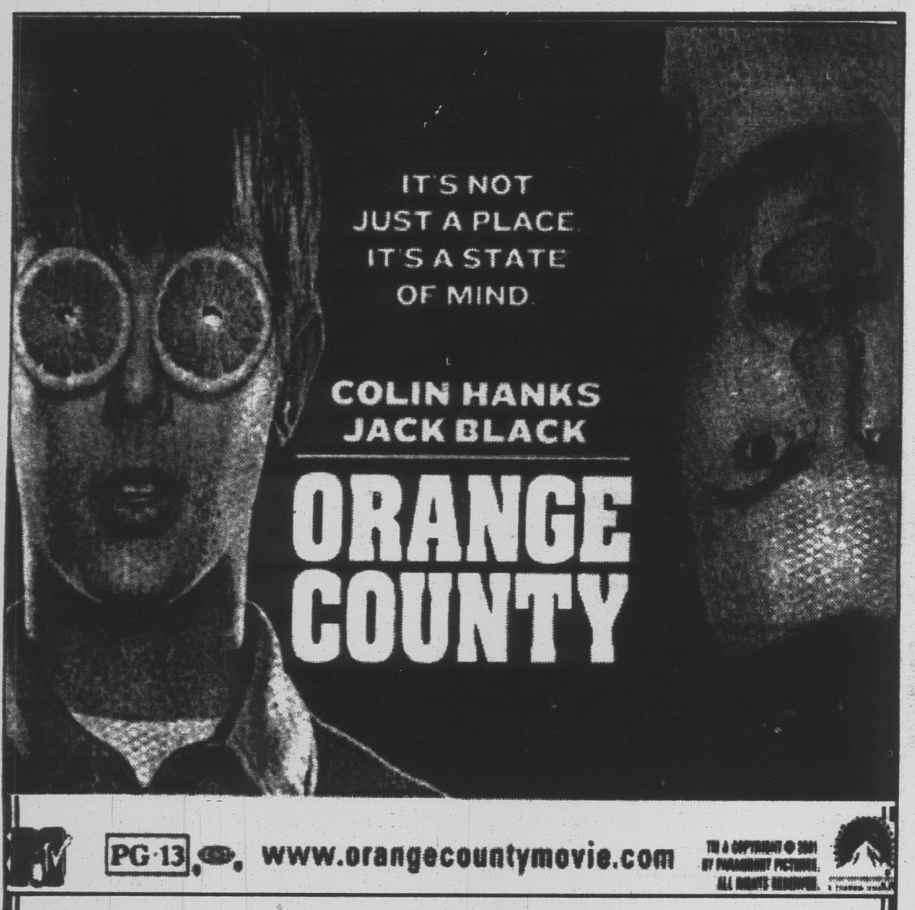
WEDNESDAY 30

11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: David Barner, "Is it Live or is it Digital?"
- PH 311
3:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Bethany (H)
7:00 p.m. SGA Meeting - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:00 p.m. Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party - Down Under
Green Party Election Debate
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 31

HALLOWEEN
6:00 pm Circle K Meeting — PH 231
7:30 pm Gospel Choir – Chapel
7:30 pm Halloween Organ Concert – Orr Auditorium
9:00 pm Stargazing (weather permitting) — Hoyt Science Center

At the Down Under



Showing:Orange County
Sunday October 27th
9:00 pm

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

This Saturday:

Comic Michael Dean Ester
8:00 pm

Coming Soon...

November:
9th @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show
15th @ 5:30 PM: Murder Mystery-Russell
23rd @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show

December:
7th @ 11:30 PM: Rocky Horror Picture Show

Weekly Events

Late Night-Mondays & Thursdays 10pm-2am
Tuesday Night at the Movies-Tuesdays 10pm

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts - you provide the chatting!

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No co-ed housing in Eich

by Robert Allen
Staff Writer

SGA recently asked President Williamson about the possibility of transforming Eichenauer Hall into a coed dorm sometime in the near future.

A representative from SGA talked to President Williamson on the matter. According to some SGA senators, the President said the idea was basically dead.

The plan would be to divide Eichenauer in half. The women would get the north tower and the men would get the south tower. The lobby would be divided in half, having two separate entrances. This would give women access to semi private bathrooms and showers. The overflow men would be moved to Hillside.

"The senate was looking at the proposed idea and probability of coed housing at Westminster but we don't think we could pass the idea by the board of trustees," sophomore SGA senator Rich Marmura said.

"I think it would be a good idea, but they would have to decide how they would choose who lives in the coed dorms. People will be unhappy no matter what the decision is," sophomore Tom Oyer said.

Many other colleges around the country have already adopted coed housing. Umass, OU, Connecticut University and Yale all have coed dorms. Other universities such as NYU are in the process of pushing for coed housing.

Students at OU not only live in the same building as members of the opposite sex but in many dorms, they share the same floor.

"I love living in a coed dorm," OU sophomore Erin Quilty said. "Living in the dorm with members of the opposite sex created a family environment for us all. We are able to study together as late as we need to and I think it helps prepare us better for real life. Some of my best guy friends I met in my dorm."

Eichenhauer Hall will not be co-ed in the future.

There is some speculation around campus that Westminster at one time actually had coed housing. There is a huge quilt about Westminster history in the library. On the bottom row, in the next to last square, is a patch of a man being burned. On the poll next to him there is a sign that reads, "Wm Dickey burned in effigy for ending coed housing." According to the Westminster archives, in the early days of the college, students arranged their own room and board in homes and boarding houses in the community. As a result of this, eating clubs were formed which offered both financial and social advantages. Early fraternities were an outgrowth of the eating clubs. Secret societies were forbidden, but some existed sub rosa during the early years of the college.

Students entering the college were required to sign the bylaws under the promise to faithfully abide by them. In 1854, the board passed a resolution forbidding male and female students of different families from staying and eating in the same house. William Dickey, the college's business manager and a member of the board was appointed to inform and enforce the new ban on coed housing. The following September, a dummy of Mr. Dickey was burned.

At a meeting on March 28, 1855, the

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Janet Smith controls campus financial records

by Joanna Badger
Staff Writer

A sense of pride in what Westminster stands for sparked the initial interest that led Janet Smith to her position as assistant controller.

Smith was hired in September under the direction of controller Christine Martin. As assistant controller, maintaining the financial records is Smith's core responsibility. As the financial accountant, she oversees student billing and accounts involving renovations or repairs to the college. Her office is located in the Business Office on the second floor of Old Main.

"I have really enjoyed my first three weeks here. The staff and students are very friendly; it made me feel welcomed," Smith said.

Upon graduating high school, the New Wilmington native went on to pursue a college career at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics.

"When I was in college, Pitt Johnstown did not have an accounting major. However, I took enough accounting courses so I could have a concentration," Smith said.

Following graduation, Smith returned home and accepted a job in public accounting at SR Snodgrass, a CPA firm in New Castle. She later went on to work

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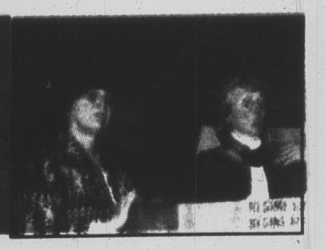

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CAMPUS NEWS

Election-day is approaching: Will students exercise rights?

by Christopher Portman
Staff Writer

With the general election fast approaching and the deadline to register already past, will Westminster students vote this election year?

Many students have differing opinions as to why they will or will not vote. For some the issue is simple-the time factor. Many students are just too busy completing class assignments, studying for exams, working part-time jobs or participating in extracurricular activities.

"This semester has been very busy for me as I continue studying for classes, participating in extracurricular activities and having a social life," sophomore Josh Simpson said. "I just haven't found time to register or to vote."

For students like Simpson, taking the time to fill out an absentee ballot or making the trip home to vote is just too time consuming.

"To me the time factor and distance from home are two reasons why students don't vote while in college," freshman political science major Tom Heath said.

But is not having enough time in the day really a legitimate reason for students not to vote? Dr. Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science, feels the issue is not finding time to vote but finding time to research the candidates to make wise voting decisions.

"Many students are so involved with campus activities that it is difficult for them to take time out of their schedules to look at the world around them," Grove said.

Harvard University's Institute of Politics came up with a similar explanation as to why college students are uninterested in the candidates, issues and voting. Younger people are not as established, not as invested in society and not invested in the outcome of the elections. Our system provides very few reasons for candidates to reach out to young voters, which in turn gives the 18-24 age demographic few incentives to vote.

For other students the issue is not the time factor but rather the knowledge of the political parties that exist and what they represent. According to another survey conducted by Harvard University's Institute of Politics, 83.5 % of undergraduate students were not contacted by any political party during the 2000 election season.

"I don't have enough information about the parties so it is difficult for me to choose one," freshman Carrie Fleckenstein said.

Some students wanted to vote but missed the registration deadline.

"If I would have registered in time, I would have voted. I didn't know when the deadline to register was," freshman Kaylan Lehotsky said.

With some students unsure whether they will vote on Tuesday, others are ready for the big day.

"I plan on voting this election. I'm really excited," freshman Sarah Blasko said.

Campus celebrates 150 years of religious faith and community

by Cortney DiVito
Staff Writer

The Westminster community celebrated "Westminster's Faith Journey: 150 Years of God at Westminster" Thursday, October 10 in the Wallace Memorial Chapel.

The Religious Life Council, a group that reviews and proposes policies related to religious life on campus, sponsored the symposium. College Chaplain Reverend Steven Allen was an integral part of the symposium.

"We want Westminster College to be at the forefront of spiritual education. Westminster has a long history of faith and we wanted people to realize that. We also wanted to take advantage of the school's sesquicentennial by listening to the reflections of people whose connection to Westminster stretches back over 60 years," Allen said.

The symposium welcomed past chaplains Wayne Nickerson and Judd McConnel as well as present and former members of the religion department, Dr. Joe Hopkins, Dr. Bob Van Dale and Dr. Kang-Yup Na.

The five speakers held a panel discussion, each speaking 10-12 minutes regarding their views concerning religion at Westminster. They discussed certain issues such as required bible courses and how the creation and changes of the Westminster religion program over the years have affected the college community. Each speaker covered several generations of religion at Westminster.

Senior public relations major Megan Clark attended the symposium.

"I thought it was fascinating to hear how much the religious life here has changed in the last 150 years. My grandfather seven generations back was one of the founding ministers and the treasurer on the first board of trustees. The symposium made me wonder how much different the college is from what they intended it to be," Clark said.

Each speaker brought innovative ideas, different perspectives and humor to the lecture. Throughout the presentation the speakers paused often as the audience laughed at the comments they made. Junior biology major Kristen Pullan was pleased with the presentation.

"Normally I find lectures extremely boring, but when Dr. Nickerson said that the Presbyterian reign came to an end when Westminster found out that Catholic Italian boys could run faster then Presbyterian boys, I had to laugh out loud," Pullan said.

After the speakers were done talking, they opened the floor to a question and answer session, which was followed by refreshments.

The symposium was the second part of a three-piece series; a concert, forum and speaker. A musical performance by Christian music artist David Bailey was held on Sep. 7 and speaker Mike Yaconelli will present on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Student government takes trip to haunted prison

by Craig Rechichar
Staff Writer

The haunted West Virginia State Penitentiary is not your average haunted house. The 30 brave students who went on the SGA sponsored trip on Saturday, October 25 can testify.

The prison, built in 1866, is dark and cold. It appeared last year on MTV's "Fear."

"They shut it down because they built a new prison and it opened in the early 1990's," sophomore SGA member Ian Durham said.

A tour guide led the group through the prison with only one flashlight.

"The flashlight is so dim that if you're in the back of the line, you can barely see and have to feel your way around," said Tom Torrey, a junior at California University of Pennsylvania.

On the tour, the students encountered unusually small prison cells; 5x7 feet in size, and the Sugar Shack, a big room that was once used as a lounge for the inmates.

It is said that over 200 inmates were murdered in the Sugar Shack. There were pool tables in the room, and the pool sticks were often used as weapons.

"There are no windows, air-conditioning vents or any way for air to circulate in the Sugar Shack," Durham said. "But I felt a breeze down there. It was one of the scariest things that has ever happened to me. The tour guide said that that has never happened before."

Other rooms encountered on the tour included the electrocution chamber, the infirmary, the mental institution and the infamous hole.

"I would definitely do it again to see if things change," Durham said. "I'm not scared of haunted houses or anything, but that scared the living crap out of me."

If you missed the SGA trip, the prison will be conducting tours throughout the Halloween season.

Students complain about slow Internet service

by Andrea Ceplecci
Staff Writer

An increasing number of students have been dissatisfied with the speed of the Internet at the college lately.

Don Goodlin is the telecommunications and network engineer for the school. Part of his job is to install and maintain connections to Internet service providers, maintain dial-up services, and manage and maintain core network components. Although he does not feel there has been a problem with the network lately, he said that at times, it is possible for the Internet to run slowly.

"On the whole, I don't think the speed of a network is a big issue," Goodlin said.

According to Goodlin, the college has a device that monitors the Internet traffic. This device controls access to websites where students can do such things as download music. Students have been finding ways around this system, however, which could possibly be causing the network to slow down. The college is in the process of putting new programs in place to ease this problem.

"There will be a new upgrade coming out soon to control the traffic," Goodlin said.

Each dorm is also isolated as far as the network is concerned. If the majority of the dorm is downloading at the same time, the whole dorm will be affected. Simultaneously, the Internet speed at another dorm may be working perfectly.

Although some students feel the Internet has been unusually slow, a number of students remain pleased with the network. According to Goodlin, the college has not received many complaints about the speed of the network. Most students agree that Internet access is faster here than it is at home, and it is nice to be able to remain online all the time.

"The Internet is slow, but it's not as bad as it was at my house before we got a cable modem," sophomore Courtney Hoover said. "I know some of my friends' schools' computer networks have faster connections than ours, but most aren't too much different."

Internet regulation is a problem at most colleges and universities. Almost all schools receive complaints about the speed of the Internet access. At larger schools, the Internet can be speedy, but often temperamental, especially when thousands of students are connected at one time.

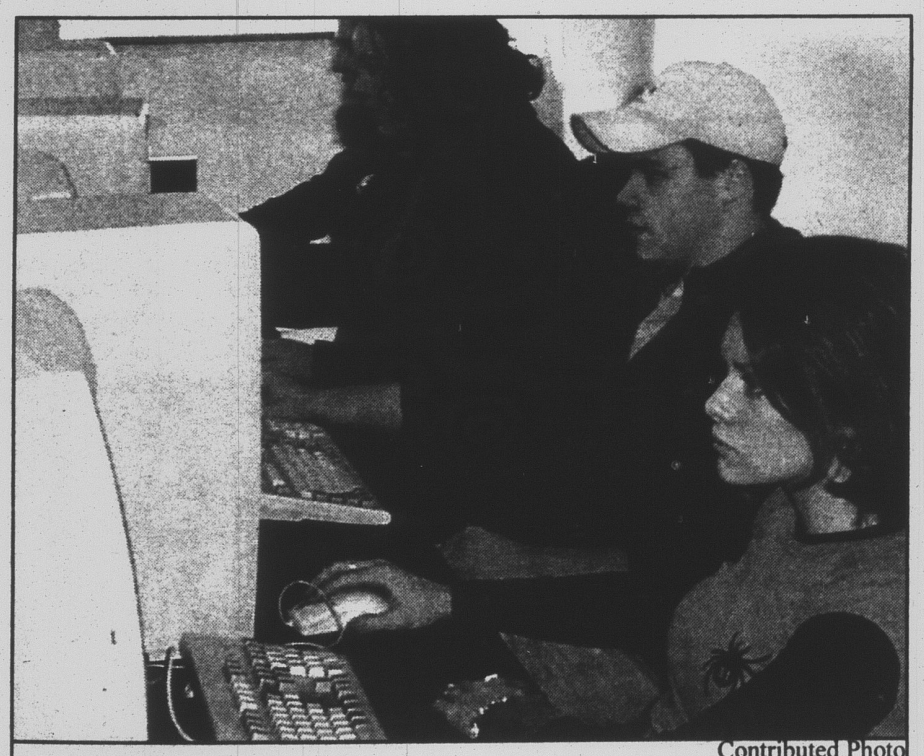
"Our connection can be amazingly fast if it's in a good mood, but sometimes we can't even access non-invasive web pages or sign on to Instant Messenger," said John Tychonievich, sophomore at Ohio State University. "It all depends on how many people are using it, and it also seems to just randomly stop for no real reason."

Students from smaller schools have complaints about their Internet speed as well.

"The computer connection is so slow and there always seems to be some sort of problem—anything from Instant Messenger not working to problems with checking mail," said Julie Yanik, sophomore at Mount Union College. "It can be very frustrating at times, especially if you have to get something done."

According to a list that Goodlin receives, other schools do not have the technology that we have when it comes to the speed of the Internet.

"We are faring better than most," Goodlin said.



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Students in Patterson lab surf the Internet.

Campus Center rooms to be named by students

by Amanda Stano
Staff Writer

The Campus Center Implementation Team is in the process of naming rooms within the new campus center.

"The room is separated into two areas," said Chris Nave, president of SGA. "The lounge area will be open all the time, and the club room area with the bar space will be closed off because the equipment is there."

An e-mail was sent at the beginning of October asking students for suggested names. The deadline for the contest was October 18. Students entered about 25 names.

SGA took the entries and chose three for each room. The tentative names for the lounge area are the TUB Lounge, the Loft and Titan Corner. The Attic, the PUB and Shangri-La, "hidden exotic place," are the suggested names for the club room.

The campus will vote on the final names via email.

The ground level, Cyber Café, will also be named. This room is open to faculty, students and administrators for submitting names. E-mails will be sent out with more information at a later date.

For an idea of the new look of the campus center, the Office of Student Affairs has a view of the artist's rendition. "If anyone would like a tour of the building or has any questions, email SGA at sga@westminster.edu," said Nave.

The campus center is planned to open Fall 2003.

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at South West Health Behavior Management where she was Chief Operation Officer. Before accepting her current position at Westminster, she worked at the Shenango Home in New Wilmington as Director of Administrative Services.

Smith is not solely a career woman. The proudest accomplishment in her life is her family. Smith and her husband Dan are busy raising four children, three daughters and one son.

"My kids are involved in many activities ranging from sports to the church choir," Smith said.

"We are always on the go."

Smith stresses the importance of serving internships while in college. When she attended college, internships were not a graduation requirement. Now being aware of their importance, she has involved interns in every professional position she has held.

"With this one regret in mind, the best advice I can give to students is that the hands-on experience from an internship is invaluable," she said. "I strongly recommend that all college students find an internship where they can actually apply the knowledge they have learned."

Alpha Psi Omega part of Six Flags Fright Fest

by Alexander Hines
Staff Writer

The members of Alpha Psi Omega recently had the opportunity to not only go to see the Fright Fest at Six Flags, but also to be a part of it. The event was put on as a fund-raiser for Alpha Psi, running for two consecutive nights.

According to Rich Marmura, a member of Alpha Psi, each member of the group was either assigned to one of five different haunted houses or to act as a ticket taker in the lines. They began their evening by having their makeup applied at 4 p.m. Some members were made up to be zombies, while others were dressed up as insane clowns. After their makeup was on, the festivities began at 6 p.m., and continued through 12 a.m. on Saturday, and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

"This trip was a lot of fun, and it was a nice way to raise money for our organization," said Marmura.

Marmura's costume was completely black with some white black light reactive patches added for effect. He was in a room lit by black lights with reactive patches on the wall, so he blended in perfectly. He then could jump out at people and scare them.

Alisa Locke is another member of Alpha Psi who also went on the trip. She was made up to look dead and was assigned to take tickets from the visitors in line. "I had a really good time. It was really neat," said Locke.

Alpha Psi Omega is a national recognition society in dramatics. To become a member, one must receive a certain number of points through participation in the school's theatre activities. Once initiated, each member must maintain a certain GPA and pay society dues

Green Party candidates speak on campus

by Rachel Lange
Staff Writer

About 40 Westminster students and faculty gathered in Beeghly on Saturday, Oct. 26 to welcome two Green Party candidates. Third District US House candidate AnnDrea Benson and Lieutenant Governor candidate Vicki Smedley presented their platforms on various political issues.

Smedley, who is running with Pennsylvania Green Party gubernatorial candidate Michael Morrill, grew up in Pennsylvania and was president of the Pennsylvania Environmental Network before announcing her candidacy.

She co-founded GreenWatch, Inc., a non-profit organization committed to fighting environmental problems. Smedley believes that every full-time working citizen should be entitled to a minimum wage of eleven dollars an hour. She is concerned for college graduates who have nothing to gain from remaining in PA.

The lack of jobs in their fields forces them to leave the state. She wants to remedy this, and believes the Green Party would create more jobs, protect the working class and raise the quality of living for PA residents. She also wants taxes to pay for universal health care.

Photo by Aly Karg
Green Candidates Vicki Smedley and AnnDrea Benson

The second candidate, running for Third District US House was Green Party representative, AnnDrea Benson. Benson, who was born in Erie as the oldest of seven children, was always involved in politics.

She had to fight to receive a loan for law school, threatening the bank to give her a subsidiary loan for her education. She was one of the few women in her school.

She became a poverty lawyer and worked with the Minnesota House of Representatives' "Democratic Farmer Labor Party" for four years. She serves as an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers and volunteers as a Legal Counsel for the Erie County Human Relations Commission. Currently, Benson is working towards universal health care. She wants to see capitalism more regulated, and she is not in favor of the death penalty.

"My roots are with the working people." Benson said. "[I] don't want to be beholden to how the structure works."

Both candidates believe that college students need to become educated on political issues, because not only do these issues affect them, but also because students are the future; they can eventually achieve change.

Many students are still unaware of the Green Party's existence. Smedley commented on how many republicans and democrats today are frustrated with the current political parties and are looking for other options. The Green Party is growing. Its membership has increased 27.7% over the past few years, and people are beginning to recognize and accept this party.

"We need to look at all the available options." Smedley said.

The candidates presented their platforms and answered questions. Afterward, everyone enjoyed refreshments while getting to know the candidates. Westminster College Green Party PR Chair, Isaac Ludwig thought the event went very well.

"Smedley's and Benson's speeches went very well. They made very good points on both their platforms and on current political issues in general," Ludwig said.

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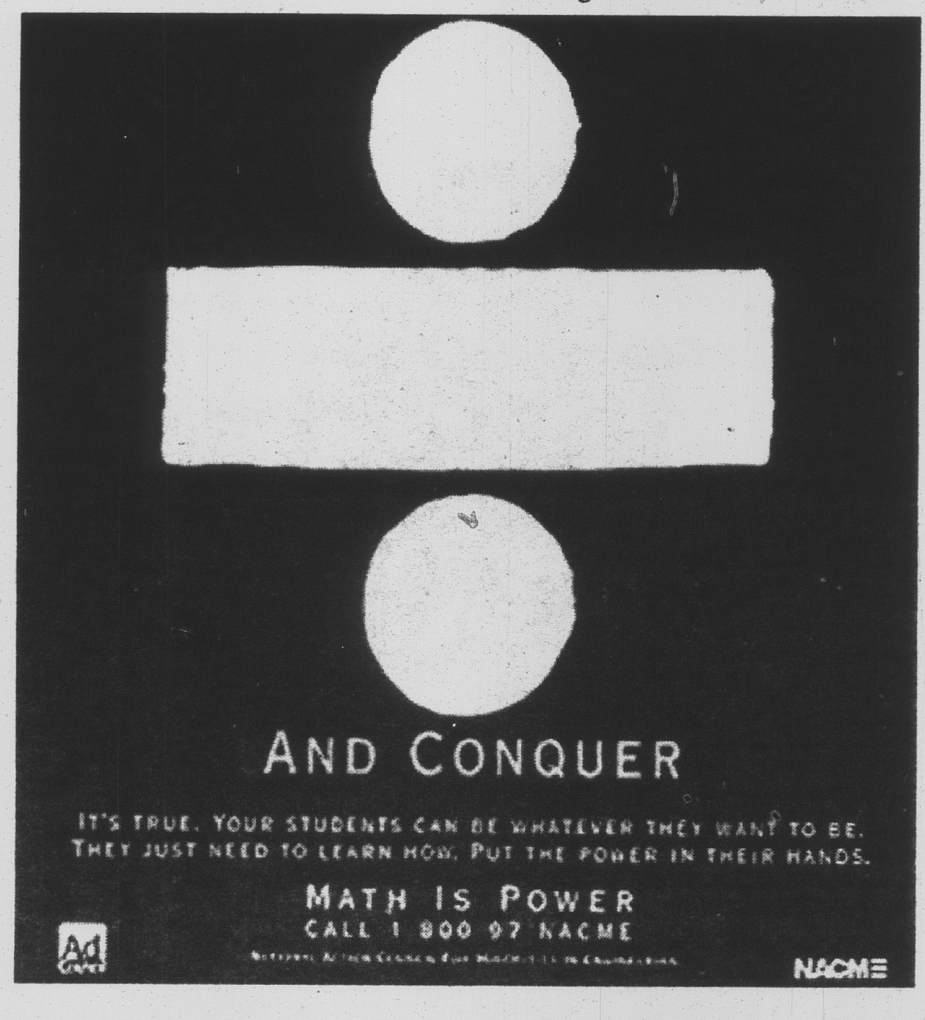
board requested the faculty to ascertain the author of the article related to the burning of Mr. Dickey in effigy, which was read by Ms. McMichael, the editor of the paper titled "Gathering Leaves." If the article were written by one of the students, that student was to be dealt with accordingly. The resolution by the board disapproved of the freedom use in the paper. The board offered such remarks as, "Those scenes of wickedness seemed to justify such proceeding against an honorable and worthy member of this board."

"I think the effigy was the right of the students to protest in something in which they did not believe," sophomore Justin Bryan said. "I think if there was a form of coed housing around 1854, then there is no reason why it can't happen now. If they want to keep people on campus they need to build more dorms or go coed. This isn't the ninetieth century anymore."

President Williamson met with SGA Wednesday evening to entertain questions about his decision to go against coed housing.



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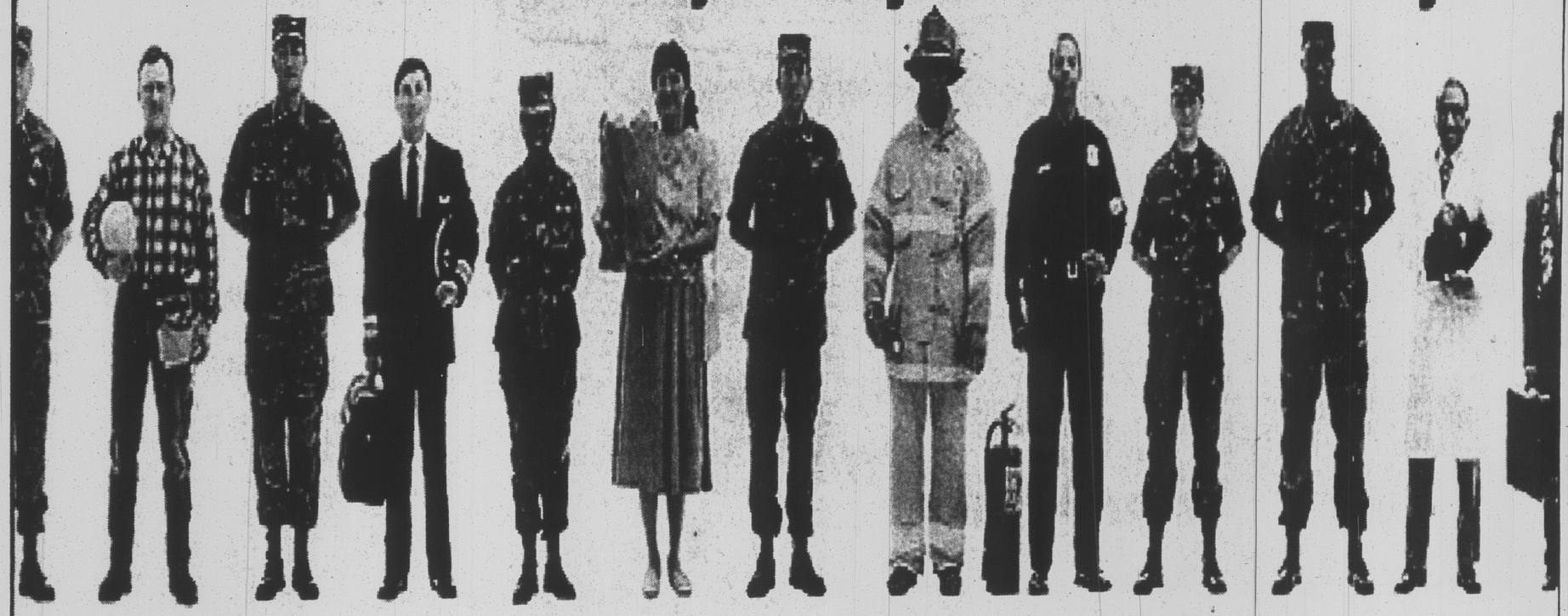

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Your Student Government Association

by Erica Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

A new approach is being taken in the campus center room-naming contest. A new contest is being run and this time, name suggestions are being taken in pairs. If you have an idea, send it to sga@westminster.edu by next Wednesday and you have to name the area of the club-room and lounge together. For example, the TUB/PUB.

Look for information in the near future on a trip to see Tony and Tina's Wedding on November 16, and a trip to see the Lion King.

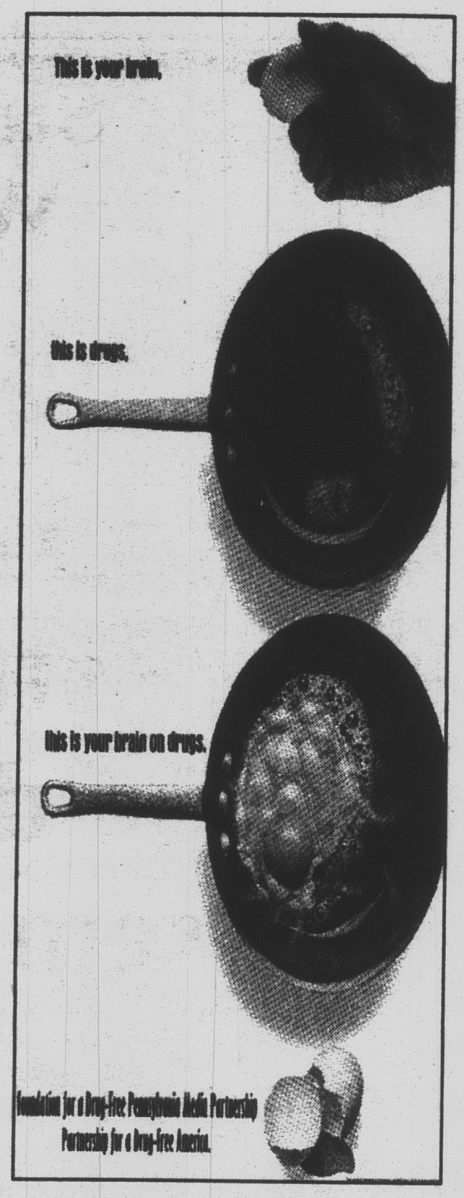
Night Owl Bowling is being held this Saturday from midnight to 2am. If you are interested in going, meet at Old 77 at 11:15pm. The cost is $2 per person. It will also be held on November 16. On November 15th, there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at 5:30pm in Russell dining hall. This weekend in the Down Under, Panic room will be shown Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 9pm.

Julie Lechner is taking suggestions for Mardi gras bands. Please email her with your ideas. Also, if you have an example of music from the band, you are encouraged to bring it to the SGA meeting on November 13. SGA will be making a final decision on the band in two weeks.

President Williamson was at this week's meeting to discuss the co-ed dormitory issue. Some of the other student concerns were visitation hours, nicer shower facilities in the female dormitories, and women being able to have a set up like Eichenauer hall with one shower to every four females. Williamson expressed his thoughts on many concerns, stating that he is in favor of single-gender resident halls but is always willing to discuss other options. He is in the process of looking into the issues further, but says that single-gender dorms at Westminster are tradition and that it is safer for women in single-gender dorms. He is also looking into having town house apartments built in the future - most likely available for seniors through the lottery system. Williamson also understands that the majority of the student body views Eichenauer as the nicest dorm on campus. Some of his ideas were to have building swaps and making improvements in the existing showers. However, if changes are made, it needs to stay that way for a while because plumbing costs are very expensive.

Congratulations to senator of the month, Russ Mills! He is being honored for all of his hard work in the senate. Also, congratulations to the Judicial Committee for being named the committee of the month.

Finally, as always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm in Philips Lecture. Also, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email sga@westminster.edu.



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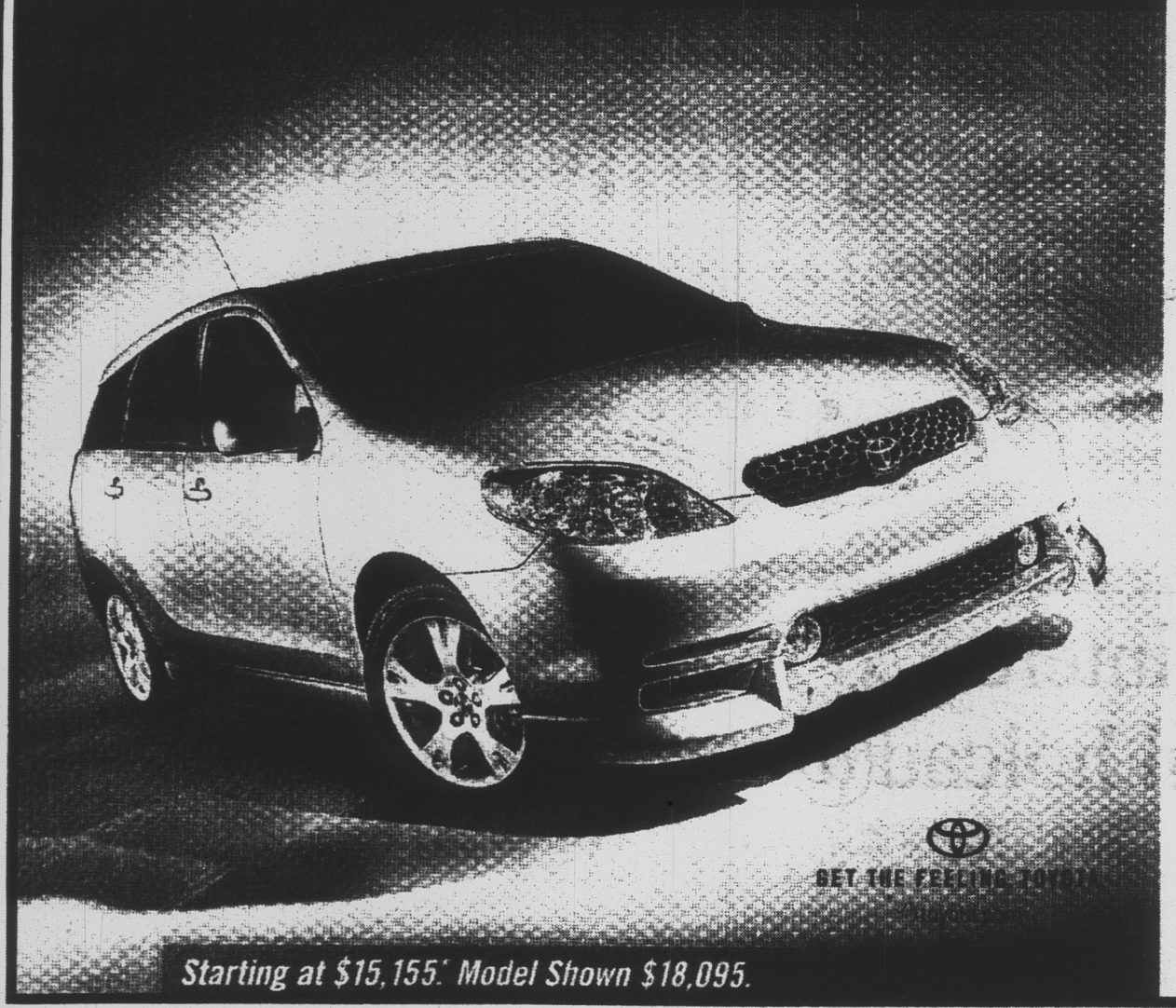

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Former VP replaces senator

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) The family of late Sen. Paul Wellstone has asked former Vice President Walter Mondale to replace Wellstone on the Nov. 5 ballot, the state party chief said. A source who had spoken to Mondale said he was likely to accept.

Wellstone's eldest son, David, made the request at a meeting Saturday at Mondale's law office, said Mike Erlandson, chairman of the state's Democratic-Farmer Labor Party.

"Based on the family's request to him, it is highly likely he will run," a source in contact with Mondale told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. "It would be surprising if the vice president did not run."

Erlandson, who knew of but was not present at the Saturday meeting with Mondale, planned to call a meeting Wednesday of the party's state central committee to nominate a ballot replacement for Wellstone. He said the family blessing makes Mondale the clear favorite.

"He is certainly the public sentiment frontrunner, among activists, among party leadership," Erlandson said. "We've had hundreds of phone calls and emails."

Mondale, 74, has not commented publicly on his interest and those close to him don't expect him to until after Tuesday's memorial service for Wellstone, who was killed Friday in a plane crash in northern Minnesota.

Mondale didn't return calls Sunday for comment.

Republican officials, however, are already fashioning a message with the presumption that Mondale will enter the race against former St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman.

"The voters will have a decision between the past and the future," said Bill Walsh, a state GOP spokesman. "Walter Mondale is clearly the past."

National Democratic leaders have also made it clear that Mondale is the favored choice.

A Democratic source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saturday that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and Sen. Patty Murray, the head of the party's campaign committee, had reached out to the former vice president. Additionally, Democratic sources said, prominent labor leaders have expressed an interest in Mondale.

Daschle said Mondale was clearly the strongest possibility, calling him "the great unifier" and predicting overwhelming popular support if Mondale runs.

"I know Paul would want us to win that election, and we're guaranteed that we're going to do all we can to make that happen a week from Tuesday," Daschle said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Meanwhile, near Eveleth, Minn., victims' relatives were expected to visit the site of the plane crash for a private memorial service Sunday. Wellstone, his wife, Sheila, daughter, Marcia, three campaign workers and two pilots died in the crash. The cause of the crash, which happened in freezing rain, remains under investigation.

Wellstone, a 58-year-old liberal, died in the final days of a tough race for a third term.

The race was one of a half-dozen or so expected to determine which party will control the Senate next year. The loss of Wellstone leaves the chamber split 49-49 among Republicans and Democrats, with one Independent, Jim Jeffords of Vermont, who is allied with the Democrats,

The list of potential replacements for Wellstone on the ballot has included several politicians one generation younger than Mondale, including Mondale's son, Ted, and Skip Humphrey, the son of another former vice president. Also mentioned was Alan Page, a state Supreme Court justice and a former Minnesota Vikings star. He showed no interest in a U.S. Senate campaign when he was approached two years ago.

While Democrats considered whose name would go on the ballot, Gov. Jesse Ventura met with legal advisers Saturday to discuss appointing a temporary replacement for the remaining months of Wellstone's term.

Ventura said if he names someone, it probably will be a Democrat because it's "only fair."

He also said he would favor someone who doesn't plan to run for the office.

It appeared it wouldn't be legal to leave Wellstone's name on the ballot. Absentee ballots already marked for Wellstone won't count for the Senate race, but people who submitted them could go to the polls on Nov. 5 and submit a new ballot.

Two years ago, when Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan was killed in a plane crash three weeks before the election while running for the Senate, his name remained on the ballot and he beat Republican Sen. John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow, Jean, was appointed to serve in his place and is now seeking election.

Under Minnesota law, a death creates a vacancy on a ballot. The candidate's party can nominate someone to fill that spot, but that candidate would have to fulfill certain requirements, including being alive, Attorney General Mike Hatch said.

Oil City imposes daylight curfew

OIL CITY, Pa. (AP) Despite opposition from parents and students, the city is moving ahead with a proposed daytime curfew to help police officers deal with truant children.

Oil City council members unanimously voted in favor of the curfew Monday, the second such endorsement before the ordinance goes up for a final vote Nov. 11.

The curfew would make it unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 to be in public areas or establishments between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on school days without a parent or legal guardian.

Parent Eugenia Wolcott presented Mayor Malachy McMahon with a petition against the curfew that was signed by nearly 400 parents and 25 students. The petition asked Oil City officials to work with residents on handling problems with youth.

"There are other programs being used out there to deal with this besides daytime curfew," said Susan Hileman, an opponent of the curfew.

Hileman said the curfew would not only infringe on the rights of students and parents, but direct police resources to target young people simply because of their age.

Another parent questioned the effectiveness of the curfew.

"If they can go out and commit a felony, do you think a fine of $5 is going to stop them?" Brenda O'Brien said.

Under the proposal, parents who permit their children to violate the rule after receiving notices of prior violations could be fined up to $100. Prison time also could be an option if fines and costs are not paid within 10 days.

Police Chief Robert Wenner said the curfew could help officers deal with truancy faster.

"They have better things to do rather than baby-sitting these kids and taking them back to school," McMahon said.

Regional Briefs

Car flips, kills 2 teens

WARRENDALE, Pa. (AP) Two teenagers were killed and two adults injured when their car flipped off an overpass on a western Pennsylvania highway Saturday night as they returned from a college visit.

State police said 17-year-olds Dale Rava Jr. and Brandy Hartman, both of Pittsburgh, died in the accident in Marshall Township, about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh, when the car they were riding in flipped over an embankment and onto a road below Interstate 79.

Driver Dale Rava, 49, and his wife, Elizabeth Rava, 47, who was riding in the front seat, were hospitalized with major injuries but expected to survive, state police said.

All were wearing their seat belts, state police said.

State police said they were unsure why the car left the highway.

Children celebrate anniversary of teddy bear

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) Children, parents and friends celebrated the 100th anniversary of the teddy bear with a party at the Penn State Children's Hospital on Thursday.

The "Jake Bear" was the teddy of choice at the event. Named for Jake Gittlen, who died of cancer in 1970, the teddy bear is sold by the Jake Gittlen Cancer Fund and proceeds go to cancer research.

Kids in the hospital received gifts of Jake Bears at the party.

"This party celebrates bears," said Sharon Etter, granddaughter of Gittlen. "We want these little bears to make people feel better when they hug them."

"He's soft," said Gavin Flowers, 6, of Linglestown. The kindergarten student, who is recovering from intestinal and bowel problems, said he will take his new toy home.

The Jake Gittlen Cancer Research Institute supports cancer research at the medical center and College of Medicine and has raised more than $7 million over the past three decades.

Prison fugitive caught

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) A Perry County woman who escaped from Cumberland County Prison in June was caught during a traffic stop Thursday, police said.

Melissa R. Vogel, 33, was serving time for a drunken driving conviction and a parole violation. On June 19, she left her work-release job at a Middlesex restaurant in the middle of her shift and did not report back to the prison, according to police.

Police said they had been on the lookout for the vehicle Vogel was in. They caught her in Middlesex Township.

A man accused of being Vogel's accomplice, Gordon W. Kohr, 61, was also arrested and jailed.

Vogel was being held Cumberland County prison in lieu of $100,000 bail on an escape charge. And Kohr was charged with hindering apprehension and committed to the prison.

First snow of the year

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) Much of central Pennsylvania got the season's first accumulation of snow on Tuesday, and freezing rain was blamed for many fallen tree limbs in some areas, the National Weather Service reported.

There were accumulations of one to two inches of snow in areas between State College and Williamsport, weather service forecaster Kevin Fitzgerald said Tuesday night.

An advisory was in effect for Cambria and Somerset counties, where freezing rain brought a coating of ice.

"We've had a lot of reports of tree limbs down out there, and I think a lot of that is due to leaves still being on the trees," Fitzgerald said.

Many other parts of the state were getting rain. The weather service predicted that the weather pattern would continue overnight and on Wednesday.

Hazardous highway spill

WHITE HAVEN, Pa. (AP) A hazardous materials spill closed a portion of Interstate 80 in Luzerne County for most of Tuesday.

A tractor-trailer wrecked at about 5:30 a.m. near the White Haven interchange, spilling methyl acrylate and closing the road in both directions between the Mountain Top/Hazelton interchange and White Haven.

The flammable liquid spilled into the soil, and needs to be excavated before the roadway can reopen, authorities said. The road remained closed Tuesday night.

White Haven is about 25 miles south of Scranton.

NATIONAL

Churches put twist on haunted houses

DALLAS (AP) It's a recent twist on the Halloween haunted house. Some evangelical churches offer ``hell houses,'' where dramatized AIDS deaths, botched abortions and school shootings are meant to scare visitors into seeking salvation.

A new documentary, ``Hell House,'' looks at the phenomenon through one church, Trinity Assembly of God Church in Cedar Hill, outside Dallas, which has staged a Hell House for the past 12 Halloweens.

Director George Ratliff's movie _ playing in a dozen cities this month and next _ follows organizers and teenage cast members as they gleefully prepare and put on a dramatic fire-and-brimstone sermon.

``What you're going to see in `Hell House' is a reality check,'' church youth minister Tim Ferguson tells viewers at the beginning of the 85-minute film.

Teens who attend the church or an affiliated school compete intensely for roles that include a gay man dying of AIDS, a girl bleeding to death after an abortion, and a rave where a girl is raped and commits suicide with a razor blade.

Throughout the house, demons stand by to drag the sinners to hell, the tour's final destination. ``Now it's time for your eternal trip,'' one tells a teen actor who shoots himself to death in a classroom.

At the end, visitors are given a hard-sell salvation speech and the opportunity to pray with counselors.

Such church-sponsored haunted houses around the country have drawn complaints from gay rights and abortion rights activists, and others who find them outrageous and insensitive.

Ratliff, an Amarillo native who now lives in New York, said his film, which contains no narration, lets viewers decide.

He said he was surprised at how much he liked the church members, who talk openly in the movie about their personal lives and religious views.

``These were good people. I don't agree with them theologically or spiritually, but they're good people, they're nice, they're true to their word, they were great,'' Ratliff said.

``But it was difficult, too, because we really disagreed with a lot of their beliefs.''

Ferguson said he had no misgivings about granting complete access to the film crew, which shot the movie over more than three months in 2000.

``We pretty much knew that if we give access to someone from the entertainment industry, they would pretty much do what they wanted to do with it,'' Ferguson said. ``Considering the entertainment industry and what they might think about what we might do here, I thought it was more than fair.''

Ratliff said he became interested in making ``Hell House'' after Trinity Church gained media attention for including a school shooting in its 1999 production.

``The TV crews got their Columbine footage,'' Ratliff said. ``I was a little more interested in the theology that thought this was a good idea.''

He previously made ``Plutonium Circus,'' an irreverent look at quirky residents of Amarillo and their relationship with the local nuclear power plant.

``Obviously, it would be so easy to make fun of these people, to get an easy laugh,'' he said of ``Hell House.''

``What's difficult is to stay true to a course. It's a documentary of a culture. I tried to capture who they are, what they believe, how they live, and I hope it will stand the test of time. I hope people who look back at this time and wonder what the Bible Belt culture was like can pop this in.''

Ferguson, who said he and Ratliff became friends, said letting the filmmakers in was more about showing that church members are normal people than about evangelizing.

``I'd do the same thing again,'' Ferguson said, ``because we don't have anything to hide.''

Korea and Microsoft to emerge in future

SEATTLE (AP) South Korean President Kim Dae-jung met with Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates to discuss building on the existing relationship between the software giant and the Asian nation.

The meeting Tuesday with the chairman of the world's largest software company was a prime reason for Kim's two-day stop in Seattle on his way home from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference in Mexico.

Kim offered birthday greetings to Gates, who turned 47 on Monday. He also thanked Gates for a $40 million donation in 1999 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul for vaccine research.

Kim added that he hoped to build South Korea into a hub for information technology in Asia and asked Microsoft to continue working with South Korean companies in the future, said Robert Oh, an assistant to Consul Ryu Min, who helped coordinate Kim's visit.

Microsoft did not comment on the talks, noting it was an "informal meeting." But during a brief portion of the meeting that was open to reporters, Gates cited Microsoft relationships with South Korean companies including Korea Telecom, which offers wireless Internet services based on Microsoft technology; and Samsung Electronics Co., which manufactures several devices that use Microsoft software.

Kim met earlier Tuesday with Washington state Gov. Gary Locke. The two discussed Kim's plans to launch an "e-government" initiative next month in which citizens will be able to find information and conduct basic transactions online in seven governmental departments, including insurance and finance, said Martha Choe, director of the Washington state Department of Community Trade and Economic Development and a second-generation Korean American.

Kim and Locke also discussed the 10-day lockout of 29 West Coast ports that ended earlier this month but disrupted the flow of cargo both nationally and internationally.

The governor saluted Kim's "lifelong commitment to human rights," Choe said.

"He called him a Nelson Mandela for Asia," she added, referring to the former longtime political prisoner and 1993 Nobel Peace Prize winner who became South Africa's first democratically elected president.

Kim won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 for his efforts to pursue relations and end conflict with communist North Korea.

National Briefs

18 new cases of West Nile

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) State health officials said Thursday they had identified 18 new probable human cases of West Nile virus.

The new reports bring Indiana's total number of probable or confirmed human cases of the mosquito-borne virus to 247.

The 18 new cases are in Dearborn, Elkhart, Floyd, Fountain, Lake, Madison, Marion, Miami, Morgan, St. Joseph, and Vanderburgh counties, the Department of Health said.

Although the arrival of fall has brought cooler weather, some mosquitoes are still out and are still biting.

State health officials said they did not expect a significant decrease in the number of new cases until a hard frost kills many mosquitoes.

Six Indiana residents are believed to have died from the virus.

The virus, which is mostly spread through mosquito bites, had infected 3,231 people across the country as of Tuesday year and killed 176, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Most people bitten by an infected mosquito never get sick.

Patient left on table during operation

BOSTON (AP) A state report released Thursday found that a hospital violated its own regulations and a patient's rights in the case of a doctor who left a patient on an operating table to go to the bank.

Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge suspended Dr. David C. Arndt the day after he left for 35 minutes to deposit a check in the middle of a back operation. The state Board of Registration in Medicine suspended Arndt's medical license about a month later.

The hospital "acted 100 percent appropriately" by suspending Arndt immediately after the July 10 incident, according to the report by the state's health department.

But it should not have allowed Arndt to continue caring for the patient after the suspension, and should have immediately informed the patient of the incident and his right to have a new doctor.

The patient didn't find out about the incident until weeks later.

A hospital spokesman issued a statement saying it had "learned some lessons" from the incident.

Alaska alerted of terrorism

ANCHORAGE (AP) The Alaska Office of Homeland Security on Thursday alerted officials of the Alaska Railroad and the state's banks of potential terrorist activity.

The warning came after a teleconference call in which federal homeland security officials warned state managers from around the country that al-Qaida might be targeting hazardous cargo cars, track sections, switches and crossings, railroad pipelines and tank farms, and the intersections of rail and port facilities.

"We have all of those," said Dan Frerich, Alaska Railroad's chief special agent. The company has made some changes in response, and will make more changes in the coming days, Frerich said. He would not go into more detail.

There is also increasing evidence that the terrorist group is targeting financial institutions, the federal alert said.

Alaska Homeland Security Deputy Commissioner Drew Dix called on the public to help by reporting unusual or suspicious activity to law enforcement officials.

The state's existing vigilance over the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and the Valdez harbor needs to continue, Dix said.

"But at this time, special attention should be given to our railroad and banking facilities as well," Dix said.

INTERNATIONAL

Student accused of aiding 9/11 attacks

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) A Moroccan student accused of aiding the Sept. 11 suicide attackers sought Tuesday to distance himself from suspected lead hijacker Mohamed Atta, describing him as little more than a casual acquaintance from the university they attended.

Mounir el Motassadeq, who is charged with more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and being a member of a terrorist organization, played down earlier testimony that he often discussed religion and politics with Atta.

The 28-year-old's testimony in the first trial of a Sept. 11 suspect reflected a defense strategy of acknowledging contacts with most members of the Hamburg al-Qaida cell, but denying knowledge of the plot to attack the United States. If found guilty, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

El Motassadeq testified that he met Atta in 1996 and that they were among 30-40 Muslim friends at Hamburg-Harburg Technical University who frequently shared meals.

"It was no organized group ... just maybe people you'd meet on the street and agree to eat together," el Motassadeq said. "I knew many people much better than Atta."

Pressed by the prosecution for further details about his relationship with Atta, el Motassadeq told the court he allowed the Egyptian engineer to use his computer to access the Internet, but maintained that was not unusual.

"I kept my doors open for everyone," el Motassadeq said. "Anyone could come in and use my computer if they chose."

Tuesday was the third and final day of el Motassadeq's scheduled testimony. Under German courtroom procedure he could be called back to testify after other witnesses.

A thin man with a full, trimmed beard, el Motassadeq appeared calm and relaxed as he was escorted into the courtroom, smiling and chatting with his attorneys and a German-Arabic interpreter.

Key to the prosecution's case is proving that el Motassadeq provided logistical support to the Sept. 11 pilots, using his power of attorney over suicide pilot Marwan al-Shehhi's bank account to channel money to the hijackers as they studied at U.S. flight schools.

Questioned about the account Tuesday, El Motassadeq said two men - one identifying himself as al-Shehhi's brother - approached him at a mosque near the university in early 2001 saying they were worried al-Shehhi had been kidnapped and wanted to look at the account information.

Asked by Presiding Judge Albrecht Mentz whether the men were looking for payments to hotels or airlines, el Motassadeq said, "I don't remember exactly what we did, but they wanted to know whether there was money in the account."

After looking at the balance, el Motassadeq said he explained to the men he understood al-Shehhi was at a camp in Afghanistan training to fight in Chechnya. As they left, he said he gave them his phone number, but never heard from them again.

Last week, el Motassadeq told the court he transferred money in August 2000 from the account to another suspected cell member who was to forward it to al-Shehhi in Afghanistan. Prosecutors maintain, however, that al-Shehhi and Atta were in an American flight school from July 2000 to January 2001 and the money was used to support them there.

Defense attorney Hans Leistritz said outside the court he thought his client fared well before the panel of five judges, who are deciding the case.

"I feel he had a reasonable explanation for everything," Leistritz said. "If he thought al-Shehhi was in Afghanistan and he transferred the money from one Hamburg account to another Hamburg account, not to the USA, then it is not a problem."

Some 160 witnesses are expected to testify at the trial, which continues Wednesday with a fellow student from Hamburg's Technical University being called to the stand.

Passports found for Bin Laden's three wives

BERLIN (AP) Passports for three of Osama bin Laden's wives were found in the apartment of a Yemeni arrested last month in Pakistan and believed to have been the key contact person between the Hamburg cell of Sept. 11 plotters and al-Qaida, a German news magazine reported Saturday.

Der Spiegel, which did not cite sources, said passports for an unspecified number of bin Laden's children also were found when Ramzi Binalshibh was arrested in Karachi last month. Binalshibh is now in U.S. custody.

Binhalshibh maintains he doesn't know where bin Laden is, Der Spiegel reported, but admitted having met the bin Laden's eldest son at a party in March. The report did not name the relatives involved.

Pakistani security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed they did find passports purportedly belonging to some members of bin Laden's family, but that they were unsure whether they were genuine.

The passports were handed over to the FBI for confirmation, the officials said. They declined to say whether they have since been told that they were authentic.

Binalshibh lived for a time in Hamburg with the lead Sept. 11 suicide hijacker, Mohamed Atta, and other suspected cell members.

Der Spiegel also said Binalshibh has told U.S. investigators that a Mauritanian man, Mohamadou Ould Slahi, had in 1999 told the other two suicide pilots who lived in Hamburg – Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah – to attend a training camp in Afghanistan.

Ould Slahi once lived in Germany and was later put under surveillance in Canada for suspected links to foiled millennium attacks on the United States. According to Der Spiegel, he is being held at the U.S. military's high-security prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The German federal prosecutor's office declined to comment on the report.

Last week, the first trial of a Sept. 11 suspect opened in Hamburg. Moroccan student Mounir el Motassadeq, 28, is accused of aiding the plotters.

El Motassadeq denies the charges of belonging to a terrorist organization and more than 3,000 counts of being an accessory to murder. He could face life in prison if convicted.

Oil and Israel possible reasons for U.S. attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) A newspaper owned by President Saddam Hussein's son claimed Sunday that oil and Israel are the reasons the United States is more belligerent toward Iraq than to North Korea, even though the north Asian country admits to a nuclear weapons program.

"U.S. officials say that Iraq and North Korea are two totally different issues and we, in a rare case, agree with them," the newspaper Babil said in a front-page commentary. "There is no oil in North Korea ... while Iraq has oil and is considered as a threat to Israel."

The United States announced this month that North Korea had admitted to a clandestine program to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, violating a 1994 agreement in which reclusive Communist state agreed to stop nuclear weapons research in return for two civilian nuclear reactors and other aid.

However, President George W. Bush's administration, which is threatening Iraq with war, has decided to resolve the North Korean issue through diplomacy. Iraq insists it has no weapons of mass destruction and has offered to allow U.N. weapons inspectors to return to verify this.

Babil, owned by Saddam's eldest son Odai, said that U.S. officials are blocking the inspectors' return and fabricating excuses to attack Iraq because they consider the country a threat because of its "oil and free will."

The United States does not want inspectors to return until the U.N. Security Council approves a new resolution warning Iraq of serious consequences, potentially military action, if it fails to cooperate with them. Russia and France have blocked approval of the U.S. draft, fearing it would give Washington the green light for war without further consultations.

Iraq's state-controlled media have accused the U.S. administration of intimidating other Security Council members to approve a tough resolution to provide its military plans with legitimacy under international law.

"Bush is trying to blackmail and terrorize the United nations and everybody in the world by threatening that his country is ready to act alone and form an international alliance to disarm Iraq, if the Security Council does not act according to U.S. wishes," the ruling Baath Party's newspaper al-Thawra said.

International Briefs

Gas kills 117 hostages

MOSCOW (AP) Moscow's chief physician said Sunday that all but one of the 117 hostages who died during an operation to free hundreds of hostages from a city theater were killed by the effects of gas used to subdue their captors.

The Interfax news agency quoted Andrei Seltsovsky as saying that one person died from bullet wounds during Saturday's assault. It was the first time that a Russian official identified the cause of death of most of the victims.

An anesthesiologist, Yevgeny Yevdokimov, said the fatal effects of the unspecified gasses were exacerbated by the weakened condition of the hostages, who had spent 58 hours in captivity under high stress and with little food or water, Interfax reported.

Attempted plane hijack

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) Saudi Arabia has taken custody of a Saudi national accused of attempting to hijack a Saudi Arabian airliner shortly after it took off from the Sudanese capital, the official news agency reported Sunday.

Abel Nasser Faraj was extradited from Sudan on Sunday in accordance with security agreements and cooperation between the two countries, Saudi Press Agency quoted an unidentified Interior Ministry official as saying.

Faraj, police said, was armed with a small gun when he attempted to take over the Airbus 300 on Oct. 15. Airline security overpowered him and the plane returned to Khartoum safely with its 185 passengers and 19 crew.

Last week, Sudanese Justice Minister Ali Mohammed Osman said Faraj would be handed over to the kingdom after 15 days to give the Sudanese judiciary enough time to hear his testimony.

Authorities in Sudan have begun court action against two suspected accomplices, whose names were withheld. One was charged with illegally selling a weapon and the other with helping Faraj to board the plane.

Sudanese police said Faraj was mentally disturbed and that the hijacking attempt seemed beyond his capabilities.

Sudanese authorities did not mention the hijacker's motives but the justice minister said Faraj confessed he was acting alone and had no connection to any political or ideological group.

Prince Charles should be allowed to live with girlfriend

LONDON (AP) Half of Britons think Prince Charles should be allowed to live with longtime companion Camilla Parker Bowles when he is king, a poll released Sunday suggests but an equal number do not want her to become queen.

Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they would find it acceptable for Charles to live with Parker Bowles, without marrying her, when he is king, while 32 percent said it would be unacceptable.

Forty-two percent thought the pair should marry, while 36 percent were opposed and 32 percent did not express an opinion.

Just over half of respondents 52 percent thought Parker Bowles should not be queen, as she would if she were married to Charles and he became king.

Some Britons oppose the relationship because the prince's popular ex-wife Princess Diana blamed Parker Bowles for the breakup of her marriage.

But polls show increasing public acceptance of the relationship between Charles, the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II, and the divorced Parker Bowles.

Charles has said he has no plans to remarry.

The poll was conducted by NOP for the British Broadcasting Corp.'s "Panorama" program. NOP interviewed 996 people aged 15 and over in September. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for the 2003 Henderson Lecturer Award are being accepted until Monday, Dec. 2. Please submit nominations in writing and send to the Office of Academic Affairs. Nominations do not carry over from one year to the next. Nominees will be asked to submit a detailed proposal of new or continuing research by Monday, Jan 20, and a selection will be made by Monday, March 3. Henderson Lecturers receive a stipend of $1,000.

Glass Collection sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega and benefiting the Loins Club is in progress. Boxes are located around campus. For more information, contact Sarah Proper at propersl@westminster.

Circle K Nickle Drive continues until Nov. 1. Jars are placed around campus, and proceeds will go to fight iron deficiency disorder.

Lambda Sigma is sponsoring its annual food drive this week. Lambda Sigma representatives will be in the cafeteria during lunch and dinner collecting canned goods and nonperishable items. All items collected will be taken to the Women's Shelter in New Castle. Please help feed the homeless in the area.

Anne Bruening Annual Open House is scheduled Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 8 & 9, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and drawings for gift certificates will be held. For more information, contact Bruening at (724) 946-3300.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 1
Volleyball @ PAC Tournament (W&J)
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting - TC 315
4:30 p.m. All Saints Day Mass - Chapel
5:30 p.m. Murder Mystery Dinner - Russell Dining Room
6:00 p.m. M&W Swimming: Westminster Relay Carnival (H)
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers of Mauna Kea" - Planetarium
7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble Concert - Orr Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Murder Mystery Dinner - Russell Dining Room

SATURDAY 2
Volleyball @ PAC Tournament (W&J)
Cross Country Championships @ W&J
Intramurals Event: Pool Tournament
11:00 a.m. Kappa Delta Father-Daughter Day
1:00 p.m. Football @ Frostburg State University
1:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
3:00 p.m. W Soccer vs. W&J (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. "The Explorers of Mauna Kea" - Planetarium
Night Owl Bowling @ Thornton Lanes, Sharon
Meet at 11:30 in front of Old 77; $2.00 Fee

SUNDAY 3
1:00 p.m. M Soccer vs. Pitt-Bradford (H)
3:00 p.m. Women's/Men's Fall Choral Concert - Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - TC 315
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

MONDAY 4
11:40 a.m. Chapel
M Soccer @ PAC Tournament
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under

TUESDAY 5
ELECTION DAY
11:00 a.m. Off-Campus Information Session - Phillips Lecture Hall
11:00 a.m. Faculty Meeting - Beeghly Theatre
5:00 p.m. Psychology Club Meeting - HSC 150
5:30 p.m. SAA Meeting

WEDNESDAY 6
Application Deadline for 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, an Intramurals Event (Apply in Field House)
M Soccer @ PAC Tournament
11:30 a.m. Faculty Forum: T. J. Arent, Executive Director of ECC, "ECC Programs and Plans" - PH 311
7:00 p.m. SGA Mtg - Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 p.m. Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting - HSC 369
9:30 p.m. Seekers Fellowship - Down Under

THURSDAY 7
Last Day to Withdraw ($15 Fee)
Last Day to Drop One Course (First-Year Students Only)
W Soccer @ PAC Tournament
TIAA-CREF Counseling
6:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting - PH 231
7:00 p.m. Biology Sesquicentennial Seminar: Dr. Phil Fawley "Changing Perspectives on Medical Treatment" - Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir - Chapel
9:00 p.m. Stargazing (weather permitting) - Hoyt Science Center

SPORTS

NFL Weekly

Weekly predictions on the upcoming weekend:

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Baltimore at Atlanta

Michael Vick continues to amaze people. It seems that every week he is the center of attention. It's hard to imagine that he would be a senior in college right now, ifhe would've stayed in school. Atlanta is really starting to play well. With Ray Lewis out, look for Vick to have a big day, both running and throwing. The Falcons will win.

New England at Buffalo

Drew Bledsoe goes up against his former team in this AFC East battle. A win for Buffalo would end the Patriots hopes for another division title. After starting 0-2, the Bills have won five of their last six games. With this being a rival game, look for it to be close; but I'll go with the Bills at home.

Philadelphia at Chicago

This would've been one of the best games of the year, but Chicago has really struggled the last few weeks. The Bears have their work cut out for them; especially if they want to snap their five-game losing streak. The game is in Chicago, but I still can't see the Bears pulling the upset. I'll go with the Eagles.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland

What a great win for the Browns last week. After being behind by twenty-one points, the Browns stormed all the way back to steal one from the Jets. That win put's them right back in the division race. However, they now have to play the red-hot Steelers. First place is on the line for Sunday's game in Cleveland. Pittsburgh is without the Bus, but I don't think it will matter. The Steelers get a much-needed division win, and sweep the season series with the Browns.

Dallas at Detroit

First off, congratulations to Emmit Smith for breaking Walter Payton 's all-time rushing record. The record could not have gone to a more deserving candidate than Emmit. The good news for Dallas is that Emmit broke the record at home, and not on the road against the lowly Lions. It's unbelievable how Dallas didn't win last week. They let one slip away to the Seahawks, and I think they'll do the same to Detroit. The Lions will win by a field goal.

Tennessee at Indianapolis

It's a battle of pre-season Super Bowl favorites this week in Indy. Super Bowl favorites? It's amazing what eight weeks can do. The Colts were destroyed on Sunday night, while the Titans almost lost to the winless Bengals. Surprisingly though, this game is for 1.1 place in the AFC South. With Indy playing at home, I like them to win; but it will be close.

Minnesota at Tampa Bay

Upset special right here. I'm serious too. The Bucs barely escaped against Carolina last week. They still haven't decided who the starter will be, and if it's Rob Johnson, then it will be an automatic win for the Vikings. Minnesota has won two in a row, but something is telling me that they will get number three this week. Minnesota wins in my upset special.

Cincinnati at Houston

Oh man, I can't wait for this game. Cincinnati coach Dick LeBeau has already guaranteed a Bengal victory. Cincinnati has yet to win, and they are playing in Houston. I don't know ifI like this move by LeBeau. He's only giving the young Texan club some extra motivation. I think the Texans will pull this one out at home.

New York Jets at San Diego

The Jets let one slip away last week to the Browns. A win would've given the Jets a realistic chance to make the playoffs. Now, theyare fading fast in a division where 10-6 doesn't assure you a spot. Meanwhile, San Diego had a week to rest up after that huge win over Oakland. With two weeks to prepare, and the Chargers playing at home, I can't see the Jets pulling the upset here. The Chargers will win.

Washington at Seattle

Washington is coming off a win on Sunday night against the Colts, while Seattle got a crucial win on the road in Dallas last week. Honestly, I think Seattle got lucky last week, and expect for that luck to run out against the Redskins. Has Supprier figured it out yet? Or did they just play really well against the struggling Colts? Well, he's starting to get it. Washington wins by a couple of scores.

San Francisco at Oakland

Oakland has been falling apart the last few weeks, don't expect things to get better this week. San Francisco got a big win at home last week to the Cardinals. The 4gers are playoffs bound, and the Raiders are not. That's right Look for San Francisco to win against cross-town rival Oakland.

St. Louis at Arizona

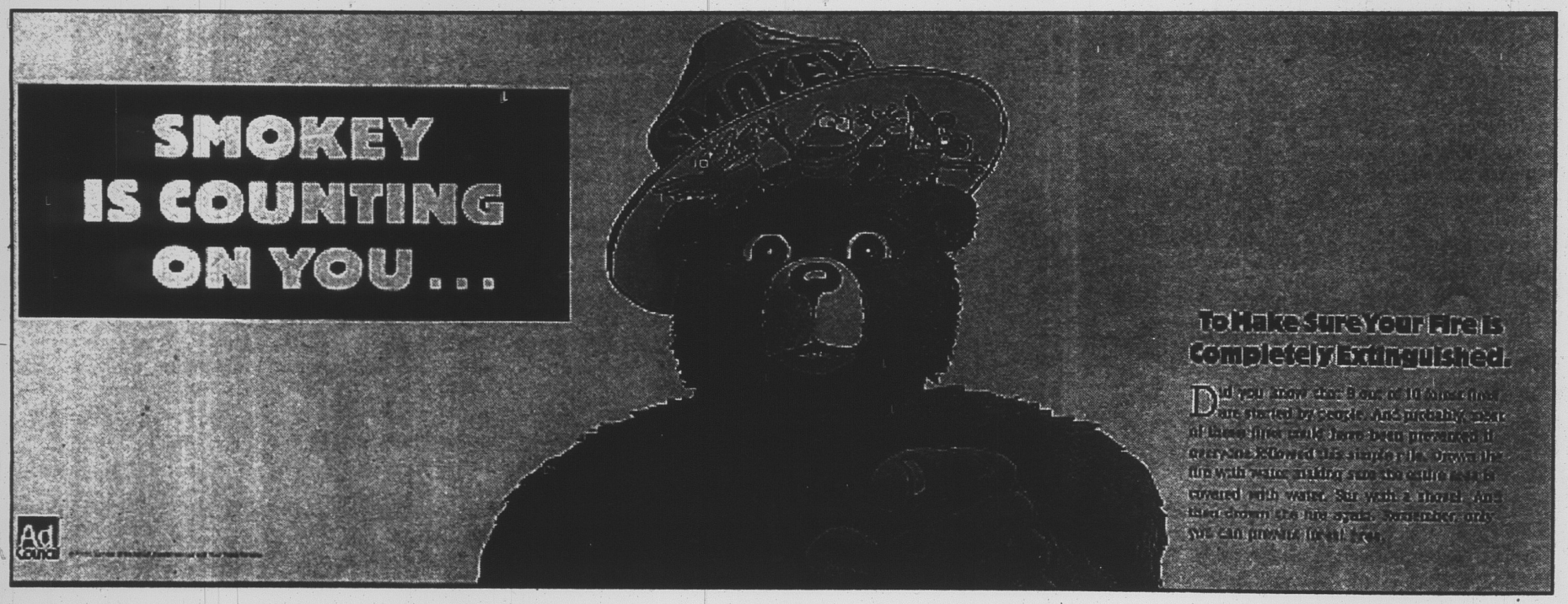
I'm still not a believer in Arizona yet They hung in there against San Francisco last week, but they haven't gotten a win against an above-average team. Despite their record, St Louis is one of those kind of teams. The talent is still there, they just were not giving Marshal] Faulk enough carries in the beginning of the year. St Lo ius is better than Arizona, and I think they'll go into Phoenix and get the win. I'm going with the Rams.

Jacksonville at NY Giants

I like this Giants team a lot They almost beat one of the best teams in the NFC on Monday Night Football. The Giants have yet to figure the Eagles out, and they don't seem to have as much trouble with other teams. Jacksonville is really struggling, and you know there is no way I can pick the Jags after coming off a loss to the Texans. Giants get the win.

Miami at Green Bay

Brett Farve is still questionable for this game, and if he doesn't play then I don't think they have a chance to win. Miami has been too strong this year, and the Packers defense is average at best IfFarve plays then it will be close, but I still don't think the Pack will win; with or without Farve. Miami wins on Monday Night.



Titans win third consecutive game

Westminster Football Posts Third Straight Win, Improves to 5-2, 3-1 PAC With 19-7 Win at Grove City

The Westminster College football team improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) competition Saturday in Grove City, as the Titans posted their third straight win with a 19-7 road victory at league rival Grove City College (2-6, 1-4 PAC).

Westminster never trailed in the contest, asa the Titans used special teams to take control early. After forcing the Wolverines to punt on their second possession midway through the opening quarter, junior outside linebacker Nick Fritch (Cheswick/Fox Chapel H.S.) blocked the punt by GCC's Mike Titzel. The ball was then picked up and returned 32 yards for a touchdown by freshman cornerback Tom Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) for a 6-0 Titan lead (the extra-point attempt was blocked).

The Titans built the lead to 13-0 early in the second quarter, marching 65 yards on 11 plays in 3:45 capped by a two-yard run by freshman tailback Brad Johnson (Salem, OH/South Range H.S.). Westminster appeared ready to take that lead into halftime when the Wolverines struck with just 36 seconds left in the half on a 57-yard TD pass from Todd Smargiasso to Bo Danton, cutting the Titan lead to 13-7 at intermission.

In the second half, Westminster reasserted control by churning out a 13-play, 91-yard drive on the opening drive of the half, capped by a three-yard scoring run by sophomore tailback Scott Froelich (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) with 8:56 to go in the period. It would be the only score of the half, but the Titans would control play the rest of the way. Westminster posted drives of 15 plays for 67 yards before giving the ball up on downs deep in GCC territory, then ran out the clock with a 10-play, 41-yard drive. The Wolverines had just three second half possessionsand were limited to 23 total yards on 12 plays after intermission.

Scott Froelich continued his outstanding sxeason by rushing a school-record 37 times for 178 yards (4.8 avg.) and the one TD in the win. It was his seventh 100-yard rushing effort in as many games this season and eighth consecutive dating back to the 2001 campaign. His 37 carries broke the school mark of 35, set by Andy Blatt against Georgetown (Ky.) College on Nov. 11, 1993. He also eclipsed the 1,000-yard barrier in just the seventh game of the season and finished the game with 1,053 yards on the season, becoming just the sixth Titan running back in school history to reach the 1,000-yard plateau in a season.

Also on offense, junior QB Matt Robison (Pulaski/Wilmington Area H.S.) was 13-of-24 for 165 yards, with sophomore wideout Ben Haug (New Middletown, OH/Springfield Local H.S.) and senior tight end Nevin Baker (Erie/McDowell H.S.) each catching three balls for 44 and 38 yards, respectively.

Senior middle linebacker Joe Bianco (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.) posted a team-high 12 tackles for the Titans.

WC Sports briefs

Men's Soccer

The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 12-3-2 overall and concluded a perfect 10-0 regular season record in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in New Wilmington, as the Titans posted a 4-0 shutout of league rival Bethany College. In addition to completing a perfect record against league competition this year and earning the top seed and first round bye for next week's PAC Tournament, the win also extended the Titans' school-record winning streak to 11 games.

After a scoreless first half, Westminster broke the scoring ice 17 minutes into the second half as sophomore Midfielder John Booth (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) scored off an assist by senior midfielder Tony Arrigo (Pittsburgh/Plum H.S.). The score remained 1-0 until the final 10 minutes, when Westminster put the game away with three insurance goals in a span of 3:15. Freshman forward Anthony Makuch-Lott (Abilene, TX/Cooper H.S.) made it 2-0 on an assist by junior Brian Glass (Venetia/Peters Township H.S.) in the 82nd minute, then Arrigo concluded the scoring with goals in the 84th and 85th minutes, assisted by junior forward Matthew Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) and Makuch-Lott, respectively.

Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) made five saves for his seventh shutout of the season. Westminster outshot Bethany 18-7, while the Bison held a 4-3 advantage in corner kicks.

The Westminster men's soccer team will host Penn State-Behrend in a non-conference game this Saturday, Nov. 2, in New Wilmington at 1 p.m.

Presidents' Athletic Conference

Washington & Jefferson College will serve as the host site for the 2002 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Volleyball Championship Tournament, which will take place this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2, 2002 at the Henry Memorial Center in Washington, Pa. In addition, W&J will also hosts the 2002 PAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2, with the women's race at 10 a.m., followed by the men's race at 10:45 a.m.

Grove City College has captured the PAC volleyball title each of the past two years, however, this year the Lady Wolverines are the third seed in a six-team field. Westminster College, currently in its first season of PAC competition, is the top seed after amassing a perfect 10-0 regular season conference record. Joining the Lady Titans with a first-round bye is #2 seed Waynesburg. After Grove City, the remaining seeds are host W&J at #4, Thiel College at #5 and Bethany College at #6.

In cross country competition, Grove City captured the men's and women's titles in 2001 and is once again the favorite in both races in 2002.

Women's Soccer

The Westminster women's soccer team ran its record to 12-5-2 overall and 8-0-1 in Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play today in Grove City, as the Lady Titan kickers played PAC rival Grove City College (10-5-2, 7-1-1 PAC) to a 1-1 double-overtime tie. With the tie, Westminster extended its current unbeaten streak to 11 games (9-0-2) while also clinching the PAC regular season title, along with the top seed and home field advantage throughout the PAC Tournament (Nov. 4-9).

After a scoreless first half, Grove City dented the back of the net in the 57th minute on a goal by Meg Tilley. The Lady Wolverines remained ahead 1-0 until four minutes remaining in regulation, when Lady Titan senior forward Tammy Newell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) tallied a game-tying goal. Both teams then played a pair of scoreless overtime periods before settling for the draw.

Sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) made 11 saves in goal for the Lady Titans, as Westminster outshot Grove City 21-16.

Volleyball

The Westminster Titans will try for their fourth consecutive win this Saturday, as they travel to Maryland to face Frostburg State for the first time since 1985 in a non-conference game. The Bobcats, who are coming off a 35-14 home win over Ursinus, have scored at least 25 points in each game this season and average 35.6 ppg.

Westminster College volleyball standout Katie Spehar (Malvern, OH/Malvern H.S.) has been honored as Playeer of the Week for the week ending Oct. 27, 2002, by the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC).

Spehar, a 6-0 senior middle hitter, tallied 14 kills and four blocks on Saturday, as Westminster (23-9, 10-0 PAC) concluded the regular season with a perfect record against conference competition with a 32-30, 30-23, 30-23 win at league rival Washington & Jefferson.

The Lady Titan volleyball team will be the top seed and have a first round bye at the 2002 PAC Volleyball Championship Tournament, held this weekend on Nov. 1-2 at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

Titans of the Week

Three Westminster College football players have been honored as "Titans of the Week" for their play in the Titans' 19-7 victory at Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival Thiel College on Saturday. It was the third consecutive win for Westminster (5-2, 3-1 PAC).

Senior center Brandon Apple (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk H.S.) was named Offensive Titan of the Week against Grove City. Apple keyed an outstanding performance by the Titan offensive line, which opened holes for sophomore tailback Scott Froelich's (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.) eighth consecutive 100-yard rushing effort.

Senior middle linebacker Joe Bianco (Bethel Park/Bethel Park H.S.) was tabbed as Defensive Titan of the Week for his play against the Wolverines. Bianco recorded a team-high 13 tackles (eight solo, five assisted), including one tackle for a loss in the victory.

Earning Special Teams Titan of the Week laurels was junior outside linebacker Nick Fritch (Cheswick/Fox Chapel H.S.). Fritch blocked a first quarter Wolverines punt, which was returned 32 yards by the Titans for the game's first touchdown.

Westminster concludes its road schedule this Saturday, Nov. 2, with a non-conference game at Frostburg State University (4-3) in Frostburg, Md., at 1 p.m.

OPINION

Rant and Rave

Why can't I find somewhere to park?

Ha ha. Unbeatable.

Where did this come from?

I hope they keep the pumpkin cappuccino in the TUB.

Who is this?

Don't jump to conclusions, if it looks good, it probably is.

In the words of David from *Real World*: "New Orleans: Whoo Whoo!"

I have an eyelash in my eye, can someone blow it out for me?

Do camels have toes?

Guess what? If you wear more clothes, you won't be so cold!

Why is my best friend so gassy?

Who decided to watch the World Series instead of Orange County? Whose idea was it?

Front page news: "Cow Chews Grass"

Give up the towel and no one gets hurt!

Close the bathroom window when it's cold outside.

Pizza cheese tastes like plastic. Mmmm plastic...

Sleep deprevation is nature's cheapest drug, and they can't detect it on a urine sample!

What is this sleep of which you speak?

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OUR VIEW: Celebrity Series

Bravo to another Celebrity Series and another reminder of just how miserable living on this campus can be. In case you aren't aware, Anne Murray, aka 'The Canadian Songbird,' came to campus on Tuesday to entertain the scores of senior citizens who flock here to fill the parking spaces that students (specifically those who live in Shaw) PAY to use, and who also pour money into the Celebrity Series program – money that we, the students (who, by the way, pay $24,000.00 + every year to live and use the facilities here) never see.

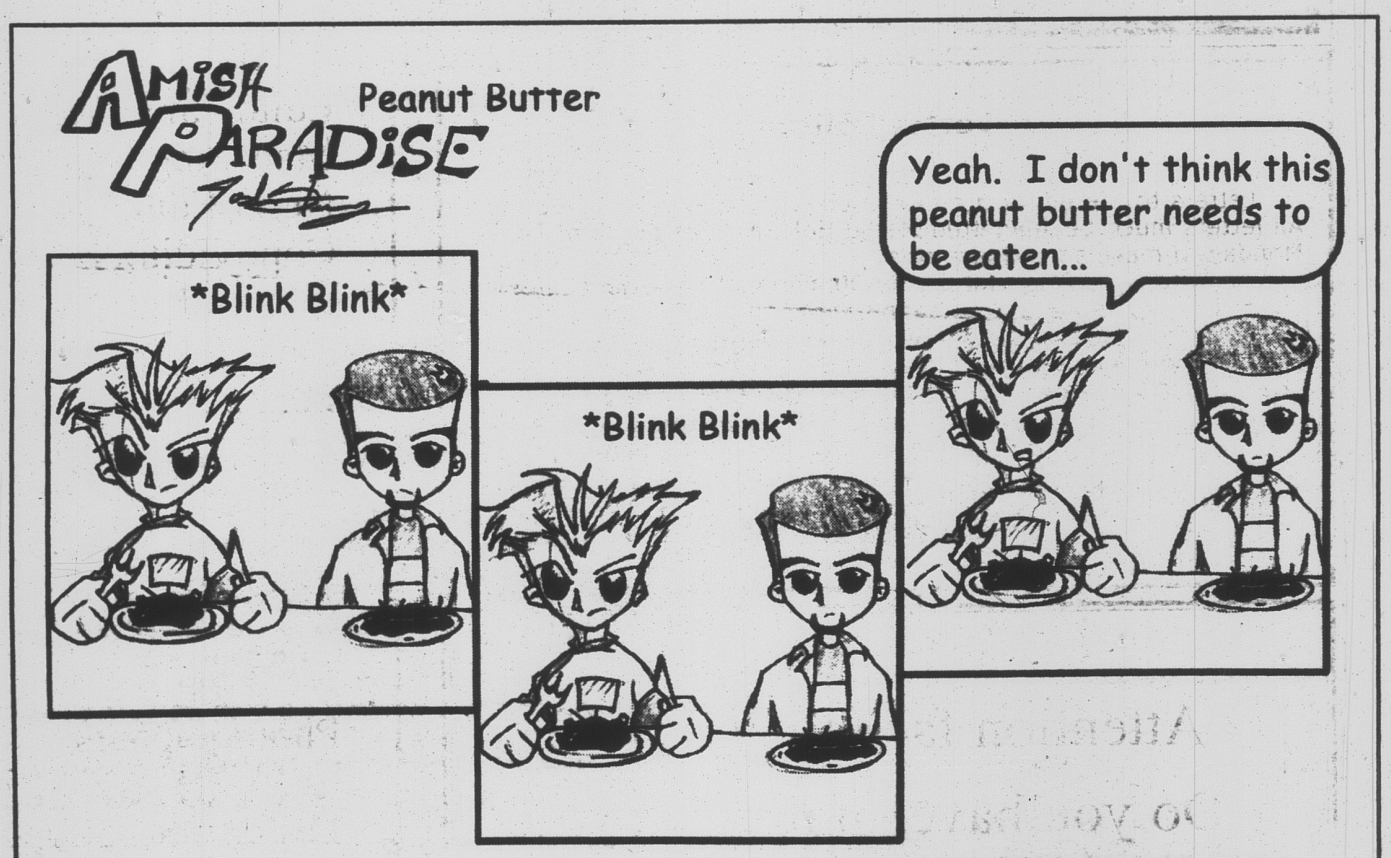
How do we, the students, profit from celebrity series? How does the frustration of being turned away from a parking lot that our tuition money partially pays for and also maintains, not to mention the fee those of us with cars must pay just to park on this campus, benefit us? Why, oh mother fair Westminster, do we have to put up with all of this – use of facilities we pay for without any benefit for the general tuition-paying student body, as well as the parking we pay not only to maintain but also to use through individual parking permit costs – without seeing any sort of recourse or compensation for this frustration and inconvenience that Celebrity Series in all its glory causes us?

> Learning is why we pay to go here, yet apparently Anne Murray and Celebrity Series take priority over that.

Celebrity Series has disrupted classes again and again, and this time was more blatant than ever. Anne Murray's dramatic entrance at Westminster was filled with the noise of radio traffic in the halls of Patterson, not to mention the piercing siren of a bus backing up lasting for approximately 15 minutes –people in both Hoyt and Patterson heard that, regardless of what side of the building they were on.

The sounds of blaring music also echoed through the halls of Patterson, and the general ruckus of people traffic – Anne Murray officials and agents yelling down the halls with no concern to classrooms or students within them was present for quite a bit of the afternoon. Learning is why we pay to go here, yet apparently Anne Murray and Celebrity Series take priority over that. Nobody made an attempt to quiet these people, mostly because they knew it wouldn't make a difference. After all, she WAS Anne Murray.

Show us, the student body – the people whose money keeps this place running – just what we get out of Celebrity Series that outweighs all of the negative aspects that we are forced to deal with because of it. When do we see something for all of the hassle Celebrity Series puts us through?



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

My Big Fat Greek Wedding and The Ring

My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Jenna Chesky

My Big Fat Greek Wedding has been the talk of the town for sometime. A small independent film based on the real life antics of standup comedian Nia Vardalos the film has been at the top of the box office since it arrived in theatres. Discovered by Tom Hanks and his wife Rita Wilson, Nia Vardalos was asked to adapt her stand up act into a screenplay. Fast forward a year... directed by Joel Zwick My Big Fat Greek Wedding is the story of Toula Portokalos who wants her family to accept her non-Greek finace while she comes to terms with her heritage and culture.

Besides writing the film Nia Vardarlos also stars as Toula a 30-year-old woman still living and working for her parents. All her life she has been told she will marry a nice Greek boy, have many Greek babies, and cook much Greek food. Unfortunately, her family thinks her time is almost up and is making plans for her to go to Greece to find that nice Greek boy. Toula has other plans. A series of events throw her Greek family for a whirl. She goes to college, falls in love, and gets engaged to a nice non-Greek boy. A hilarious hour and half ensues as Toula tries to get her family to accept her love as they plan her big Greek wedding. Although the plot is simple the humor is elaborate. There are so many small details that add to this film it is impossible to describe them. It's like a "you had to be there" moment that lasts for 96 minutes.

The Good: I think I cried for over half this movie I was laughing so hard. The only name on the cast list I recognized was Sex in the City veteran John Corbett, playing Toula's finace. The cast was a refreshing break from Hollywood's A-list. The movie was so brilliantly acted it was easy to believe they were one big family except the random casting of Joey Fatone as Toula's cousin Nick. The antics of the family were hilariously believable including believing Windex is the cure for all ailments, vinyl couch covers on the sofas, eating every possible minute of the day, and the hideous baby blue bridesmaid dresses (for all 12 of Toula's cousins). The film has done so well by the box office it is now being considered for a TV sitcom.

The Bad: Joey Fatone, but I will give him credit since he didn't sing.

The Bottom Line: A big fat fantabulous film. See it in the theatre or wait for DVD. Just make sure you see it.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding: A big fat fantabulous film. Make sure you see it.

The Ring: Don't wait for video. A+ horror flick.

The Ring
Josh Storey

Looking for a good scare this post Halloween weekend? I recommend you check out The Ring. This slick Hollywood remake of a Japanese horror flick not only does a good job of translating a foreign film into an American release, but it will also scare the living poo out of you.

In an age of constant media bombardment, The Ring turns the everyday into the terrifying. The plot is based around a mysterious video tape. After you watch the tape, you get a phone call and a little girl's voice tells you "One week." After that you have, guess what, one week to live. Enter Rachel Keller, a reporter whose niece is the tape's latest victim. She of course, has to watch the tape out of journalistic curiosity. Hollywood has finally realized that pumping out the same old slasher, Friday-the-110th gore fests are getting old. This time they've gone for the subtle creeping horror that gets in your spine and won't let go. A+ on this horror flick. Don't wait for video. See it on the big screen. First you see The Ring. Then you die.

Wrap up Halloween with a good scare

by Jillian S. Jordan
A&E Editor

So, Halloween season has just passed. The pumpkins are about to be tossed, the trick-or-treaters sick to their stomachs, the costumes being hanged in the depths of closets, and the decorations beginning to be boxed up in attics and basements until next October. There have been a number of scary films that have received terrific ratings and resulted in sold-out movie theatres across the world. Why not end your Halloween fun with a frightening movie pick such as one of these all-time favorites?

Just recently, I went to see Red Dragon, which I would highly recommend to any of you thrill-searching movie-goers. This was the prequel to a 1991 film, The Silence of the Lambs. Anthony Hopkins stars as an ingenious, yet terrifying cannibalistic prisoner who is called upon to help solve a murder case being led by a detective played by Jodie Foster, who also acts with impeccable ability. The movie is a fast-paced thriller that seems to "eat" right through to your hidden fears.

Psycho, a 1960 horror classic will most likely always be a member of all top ten scary movie giants. Hitchcock's edge-of-your-seat thriller will continue to be rented out and purchased for movie collections of both the young and old. Its horrifying "shower scene" is what captured aghast audiences 42 years ago and remains to be the all-time favorite scary movie murder scene. The music, murder, and mystery combine to form a shocking ironic twist to end the movie; a true achievement for a movie made with little technology available at the time period created.

What's more startling than a precious, darling little girl being taken over by an evil force- the force of the devil? Possession by the Devil himself has proven to be an accomplished scare tactic of horror movies over the years. The Omen was probably one of the earliest of these types, but no other will produce a better response than has The Exorcist. For a film made in 1973, there were obvious controversial issues associated with its vulgar language, behavior, and actions performed by the twelve-year old Linda Blair. Despite its questionable content, it has been a favorite of many scary movie fanatics ever since its arrival.

Six years later, a sci-fi thriller disturbed audiences throughout the movie-viewing audience. Alien was not only comprised of exceptional talent by the actors and the director, Ridley Scott, but it also brought to life the possibility of extra-terrestrial enemies. The movie Signs, starring Mel Gibson, is a more current make of the alien-invading prospect.

A most disturbing film starring Jack Nicholson was titled, The Shining, in 1980. This movie portrayed a once normal couple and their son who lived for a deserted winter in the Hotel Overlook far from town for the purposes of cleaning and keeping house. The winter's solitude really got to Nicholson's mind, which drove him on an insane rampage with the intent to kill his wife and young son. Hopefully, his young son didn't have the hopes of one day becoming his father, which would be a murderously bad choice.

Other movies mentioned are Halloween, A Nightmare on Elm Street, and Jacob's Ladder, The Mummy, and one of my favorites, Seven. Stop by a movie rental shop tonight and scare yourself silly with one of these horror movie classics. They will be sure to end your Halloween season with a scream.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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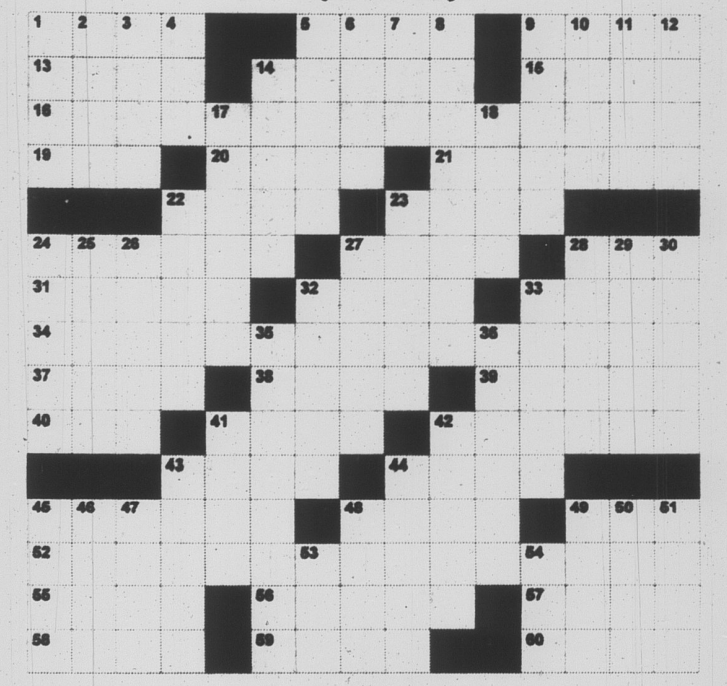

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Quotable Quote

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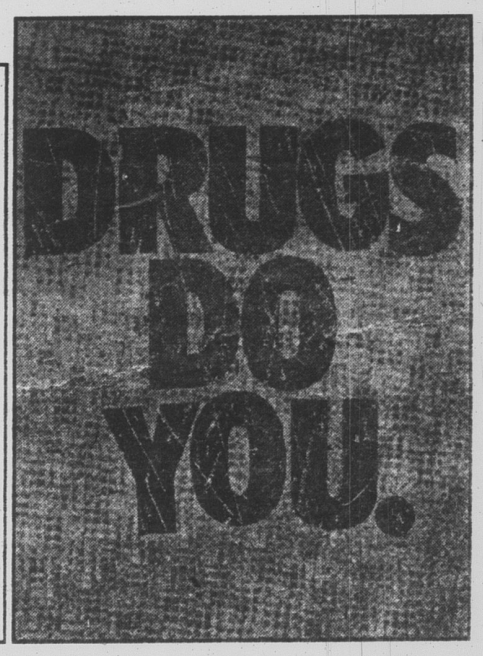

HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
You may have a tough time with changes on a personal level. Since these changes are going to take place without your say-so learn to accept them. Pay attention to your home life, your family needs your input - expressing positive feelings will do wonders.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
New ideas need to be shared, and the feedback of others may improve the concepts. It's time to make way for a new approach. Time out may be a welcome change in your love life - although there is love, the day to day routine may have become boring and tedious.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Your need for solitude and quiet may be hard to achieve. Make the necessary compromises, meeting all responsibilities, but keep your input at a minimum. Try not to be so generous with money, or you may come up short yourself. Expect defiance from those not wanting change.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Use all available resources in the most economic and efficient way possible in order to reach your goal. You might have to do some juggling, but the extra effort will be worth it. Others will end up amazed at how much you were able to do, with so few resources.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Perfection is not required, and will no doubt be impossible to achieve. Assuming any type of superior stance will aggravate those around you, try to leave well enough alone. You have a great deal to think about, especially concerning personal matters, take time to do so.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Resist any suggestion or manipulation that tries to get you to give more than you've got in terms of time, money and energy. Standing up for yourself will give you a great feeling of success, boosting your confidence tenfold. Don't budge on what you believe.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Show your appreciation to your friends and family. You have lots to give those you love, and revealing those feelings more often will bring you joy and peace. Financial success will be tied to a raise or promotion - and if not now, advancement is in the very near future.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Learning something new will give you a feeling of joy and confidence which you can share with friends and loved ones. You are currently riding on a crest of continued success either at work or on the homefront, so be prepared for any unexpected difficulties.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
What has previously seemed like a potential disaster, probably concerning a relationship, may instead turn out positive and provide you with new opportunities to create a more stable and loving closeness. If you find yourself in a rut, do something about it now.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
Any investments, especially in the area of real estate or stocks, can provide you with excellent returns. Communicate clearly with experts in these fields before you make your move. Try to let a troublesome problem take care of itself. Enjoy time with your mate.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
If you feel pressured about making a choice, insist on more time to gather the information and think about what you really want from all this. It's best to delay any decision, instead of trying to undo what you never should have done in the first place. Practice moderation.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
If you are finding yourself constantly letdown, it may be time to re-examine your expectations - unrealistic expectations of others will only cause you grief. Compromise is a key word for the week. Certain matters are not worth worrying about, since you cannot change them.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may be having the nagging feeling that there's something you should be doing, but you can't remember just what it is. This may just be a sign that you are moving forward toward a new future which hasn't become apparent to you yet.

FEATURE

We are the people in your neighborhood

This week featuring Jessica Brown and Lee Fetters

Name: Jessica Brown

Year at Westminster: Senior

Major: Broadcasting

What is your astrology sign? Cleo. [Cleo? That's not a sign!] Yeah it is…it's the Greek god of carnival rides. All right, all right Sagittarius.

What is your strongest addiction? Making people laugh. I can't stand to see people unhappy.

First child's name? Calvin…ooo, she's gonna hate me!

Where do you want to live when you grow up? Somewhere very green.

What is your goal in life? To convince everyone I'm a lesbian… (whispered) I think I might've just done it.

Someone who always makes you laugh? My boyfriend, Lee because he's a bad dresser.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand? I like to brush my teeth with peanut butter especially right before I go to the dentist. If he's gonna clean my teeth, he's gonna work for his money. I mean you don't take a clean car to the car wash.

What is your favorite season? Baseball.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail? I have e-mail? What's the "e" stand for?

Tell me a story about yourself... I hear an awful lot of stories about myself…most of them aren't true. Like the time Mary and I hid in someone's loft to urinate in the pocket of someone's windbreaker. Who would do that? I guess a true story would be at homecoming this year, we had a megaphone and made people stand on a cooler to guess their age, birthday and weight. I won $42 and new floor mats.

Name: Lee Fetters

Year at Westminster: 4

Major: English

What is your astrology sign? Pieces.

What is your strongest addiction? I have become addicted to Mario Kart this semester. Eat it, Luigi!

First child's name? Guy if it's, well, a little guy. I guess I'll wing it with a girl name.

Someone who always makes you laugh? My roommate Josh always makes me laugh. He has a brand of toilet humor all his own.

What is your goal in life? I want to teach and write but mostly I want to raise some kids and be able to chop wood for my fire.

Where do you want to live when you grow up? In the woods of New Hampshire (live free or die) in a little white house.

What is your preferred toothpaste brand? I like the off-brand stuff like Aquacrest that I use to clean the Pepsi out of my teeth.

What is your favorite season? I am really starting to love the summertime, even though I'm a big sweaty guy. Kicking back with my step dad, drinking coffee, sweating and eating onions is the life.

How many times a day do you check your e-mail? I check it whenever I am in the computer lab so I can open attachments.

Tell me a story about yourself... Don't tell anyone, but I was always afraid to go downstairs to the bathroom when I was a kid, maybe four or six or so. So, I would go in the corner by my dresser and pee on the rug. Later my mom would go into the room and say, "Hey, what's that…those darn dogs! They pee in here everyday! Wait till I…"

What if you could relive college?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

A few weeks ago, I started an interactive bulletin board on my hallway in Ferguson entitled What If. Each week I ask the girls a different question from the If book. The last question used was If you could go back to high school to relive one event exactly as it happened, what would you pick?

I could think of a million instances I would want to relive, but one important instance would be when I decided to come to college. I don't remember the grade I was in, the day or the conversation at hand. Maybe that is because I always assumed I would go to college. I was always taught that college was the place to go if you wanted to better your life. So what else was I going to do?

The thing is, until this semester I was unaware that I totally took advantage of the many possibilities of my education. I guess I thought that just being here was good enough. It never occurred to me to push for more. I thought that my dreams would be handed to me while I was blowing off a phenomenal opportunity. The problem now is realizing the work involved in living out my dreams.

Throughout college, I have been one of those students who get by without doing much work. Procrastination is my middle name, yet I am still able to maintain a grade point average a little above 3.1. Now, I wish I wasn't that student.

When I came to college, I started off with the lack of extra studying, the procrastination and the partying. After receiving my first semester grades over Christmas break, I came back spring semester with the attitude of being able to get away with a decent grade point average by doing the absolute minimal amount of work to get by.

Now I am stuck. My study habits, or should I say lack of, have taken such control over my college career that I don't know how to change them before graduation slowly creeps up. What I thought I was doing for the good of myself, taking the easiest approach to class work, ended up coming back to me in the karma circle.

It's weird how things in life sneak up on you, a little unexpected and unprepared for. What I am referring to is the oddly found desire to learn everything I possibly can. I have no idea where it came from. But I like it. I am tired of cheating myself. My dreams that I want to fulfill require that I learn all sorts of aspects of life from all different walks of life. I want to learn. I am sorry that I didn't have this revelation sooner.

That is the reason why I would return to that one particular instance in high school. I would want to go back to my mind state to grasp what the power of learning has already done for me in my four years of college, inside and outside the classroom. I would want to feel my naïve thoughts and see how far I have come. Then, later down the road of life when a friend hands me the fifth edition of the If book, I can turn to the same question, only this time asking myself what one instance I would relive from college.

Again I would have many instances that I could wish to relive. I only hope that I say the moment when I told myself to push for all of the knowledge my brain can handle.

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Three New Girls!

Jenn Piscitella

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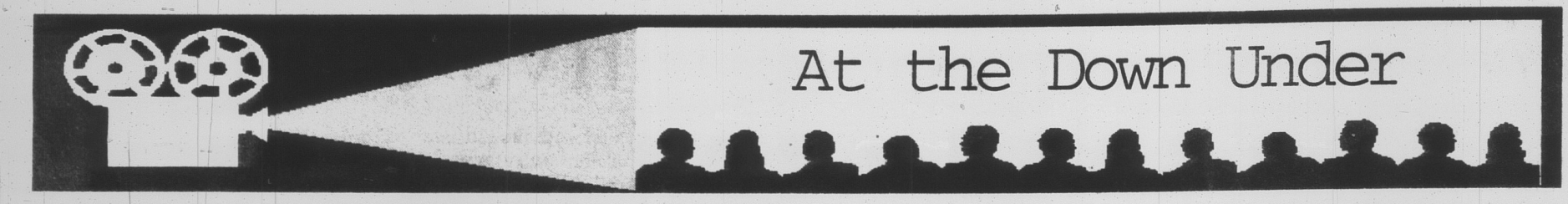

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PRSSA bigger than ever

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

On November 5, Westminster's chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America inducted 27 students into its pre-professional organization raising the total membership to 44. This is the largest the group has been since first introduced to the campus in 2000.

"When I told the Board of Trustees about the growing number of PRSSA members and public relations majors, they were impressed," said Dr. James Perkins, English and public relations department chair. He addressed the organization with a message of encouragement. "They have faith in your abilities and see you as the future of the career. They're proud of you and so am I," he said.

PRSSA was founded in 1968 as a daughter organization of Public Relations Society of America, a public relations professional organization. The group's mission is two fold: To enhance student knowledge of public relations and provide access to professional development opportunities and to help develop highly qualified, well-prepared professionals. There are over 225 chapters of PRSSA in the United States.

Vice President and senior Megan Elias is excited about the new inductees. "It was really great to see so many new members being inducted," she said. "Seeing all of the freshmen and sophomores get involved this early will have a positive impact on the

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Japan knows how to party

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

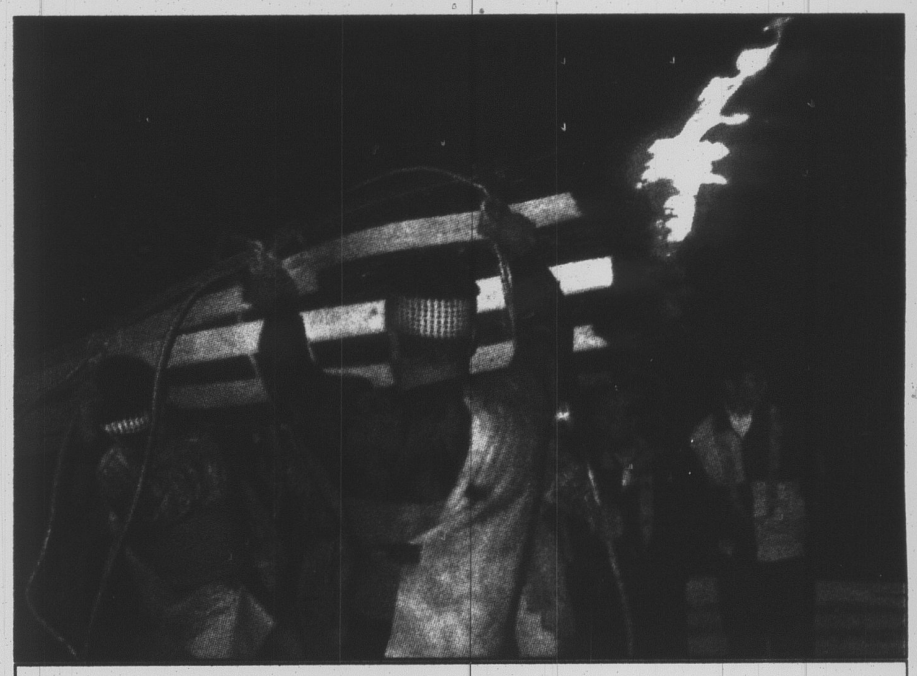
Japan does not celebrate Halloween. This doesn't stop the international students from dressing up and partying, though. Japan has its share of interesting parties, and I attended one such party last Tuesday night.

I knew little about the history of "matsuris." I quickly learned that "matsuri" meant "festival." It was a huge fire festival in Kyoto with burning torches and other such festivities. It sounded like a good time, and I figured I should go since I would never get a chance like this again.

It was cold, the coldest night so far. All I had to keep me warm was a little blue hoodie with a cat patch on it. We knew we were going to be out late, and we weren't even sure if we were going to make the last train home.

Kyle, Ezra, Lisa and I set out around 5 p.m. Tuesday night and headed toward Goten-Yama, which is the closest Keihan train station to Kansai Gaidai Nakamiya campus. From Goten-Yama, we went all the way to the end of the line in Kyoto, Demachiyanagi. The tickets cost less than $4. The ride took about forty minutes since we took a local train. It was not too crowded and we got seats to ourselves instead of having to stand the whole way.

Once at Demachiyanagi, we transferred to the Eizan line. We attempted to do this smoothly, and failed. On our way to the platform, we encountered a very long line, headed by guards with megaphones yelling at us to get in line if we were going to the matsuri (at least, we thought that was what they were saying). We got in line, and were swiftly ushered through a door, down a hallway, around a corner, back down the hallway, up a staircase, and through enough twists and turns to qualify for a line at Disney World. After going through this for about a half an hour, we discovered that we needed



Huge torches paraded around during the matsuri

tickets, oops, but the guards were kind enough to let us out of line to buy some and then right back in the line where we left. This country rocks like that.

We went out onto the platform and saw the train that would be taking everyone to the matsuri. Apparently, Eizan train line doesn't really see all that much use, for the train was only two cars long. No wonder the line had been so long. Of course, this also meant that they packed as many people as humanly possible into this train. I got lucky - I stood among my friends, so I didn't have to get very personal with strangers who don't speak my language.

We squeezed off the train at Kurama, and got squeezed right back into another roped line which relieved us of our tickets and guided us past a very open men's room down to arrows with the choice of left or right. Considering we couldn't read the kanji to tell what was the left or the right, we went left.

At this point, we started seeing fire. Well, we had seen a lot of fire from the train, but it's not the same as being right up next to it, smelling the smoke and seeing the ash fall in front of you. We watched a couple of huge torches, which were about three to four times the my size, get lit and pushed up into the air by half-naked men wearing skimpy clothing, who proceeded to drop the torches every once in a while. These streets were absolutely packed with people, and amazingly, there were several gaijin (foreigners) everywhere we looked. It took us by complete surprise, passing someone every ten minutes and hearing English. There were random fires lit by the side of the street, along with people carrying smaller torch

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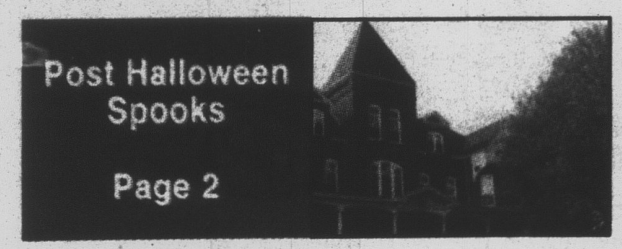

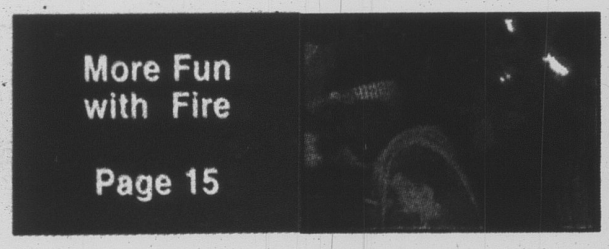

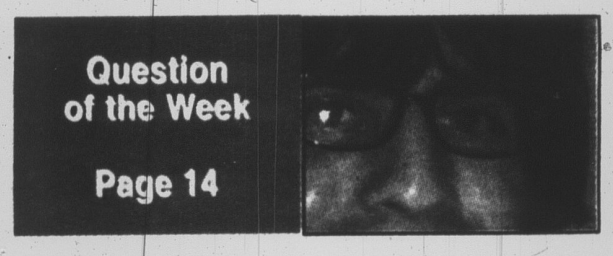

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CAMPUS NEWS

Professor published online

by Nikki Ferrari
Staff Writer

One of Westminster's own recently had the opportunity to be published in the online journal "The Technology Source." Dr. Linda Domanski, assistant professor of education, reported on her experiences in teaching K-12 teachers how to use technology in the classroom.

"The Technology Source" is a peer-reviewed online journal published by the Michigan Virtual University. Its primary purpose is to assist educators as they face the challenge of integrating technology into teaching. The article also explains techniques of teaching different computer skills and applications to the K-12 teachers.

The article was in the making for three years before it was published in July. Westminster then received a grant that month from the Eden Hall Foundation to fund its Teaching With Technology Made Simple program to help meet its demand for teacher training.

As director of the TWTMS program, Dr. Domanski headed the negotiations with several school districts in the tri-county area to be part of the program. The grant money was used to purchase laptops and additional equipment for the workshops that the teachers would attend. Also thanks to the grant, the instruction for the teachers was free. Domanski hopes other institutions will use the article as a template for starting their own Teaching With Technology programs. A multitude of feedback and tips are included from her own experience that could be used by other similar programs.

The program has also been beneficial to the college. "We have strengthened and built new relationships with school districts, and have established ourselves as an important resource for technology for teachers in western Pennsylvania," said Domanski.

Domanski has been with Westminster for seven years. She completed her undergraduate degree and master's degree at Slippery Rock University and received her doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. This article was her first opportunity to be published, but she says many more are in the wings.

"I'm very happy for Dr. Domanski. She worked hard on this project and it's nice to see that she was recognized for it," said sophomore Betsy Schoessler.

Dr. Domanski hopes to take a sabbatical in the near future to return to teaching K-12. Her goal is to gain more knowledge of the modern K-12 classroom so she can more accurately teach prospective teachers when she returns to Westminster.

Domanski resides in New Wilmington with her husband, Robert. She is the mother of three children, Sharon, David and Brian, and has two grandchildren.

The article can be accessed at http://ts.mivu.org/default.asp.

Do students trust the media?

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

The sniper shootings were not the workings of al-Qaeda supporters. The van was not white. The sniper was not white. Up until the very end of the case, the media's predictions were wrong. And now that the sniper and his stepson have been arrested, and the Washington D.C. area can breathe a sigh of relief, a question still remains. How much can the media really be trusted?

Westminster students respond.

Though the majority of the campus did not feel threatened by the attacks, being in what sophomore Pat Sandora referred to as "nowheresville New Wilmington," the media coverage was nearly impossible to escape.

Any student who turned on the television or the radio was bound to hear an update concerning the sniper shootings. News conferences often featured "experts" who made guesses about who the sniper was after, when he would attack next and what he looked like. After one shooting, the news reported that the sniper had not yet attacked on a weekend. The next murder was on a weekend.

By trying to help the public find the sniper, there was suspicion that the media was actually aiding the sniper. It is the media's job to keep the public informed, but was the media revealing too much information?

Senior Brian Zarecky believes that the media should be careful about how much confidential information is exposed when reporting a criminal investigation such as this.

"After suspects have been apprehended, then and only then should information be made public," he said.

Other students feel that the public's right to know is more important.

"Being a broadcasting major, I think that it is the media's job to release all information in a story," Sandora said.

Junior Elizabeth Grepp does not think the answer is that easy.

"It is difficult in these kinds of situations, because there is a fine line between not enough coverage and too much."

The accuracy of the media's reports was also questionable.

"I felt that the media jumped to conclusions and did not post accurate information because they didn't have all of the information," Zarecky said.

For instance, the media's predictions about the sniper's identity were far from the truth. Some critics felt that the sniper would have been caught sooner if it were not for the media's false profiles, which may have caused the police and the witnesses to focus too intently on an angry white male suspect who did not exist. Sophomore Lauren Anderson agrees.

"I definitely think that the sniper would have been caught sooner if the correct information would have been given out," she said. "Many Americans were being cautious of white vans here, only to find out the sniper did not even drive one!"

Grepp, on the other hand, does not think that the profiling had anything to do with whether or not the sniper was caught.

"They caught them, so obviously someone somewhere is doing their job," she said.

So how much do Westminster students trust the media after the sniper coverage? The answers were varied.

Zarecky is skeptical. It bothers him that what he reads in the newspaper or hears on television may not always be accurate.

"I look at where the media gets its information from," he said. "A lot of times it is from government organizations that will only state what they want to become public. And yes, that does bother me, because we are not being given all information and we just have to trust others."

Anderson is also doubtful.

"Trusting the media will be even harder now, because I will automatically second guess information they give out about suspect descriptions and crime scene details," she said.

Sandora supports the media. He does admit that exaggeration in the news should be expected, though.

"For the most part, I believe the media. But unfortunately many reporters' and producers' jobs rely on the amount of news stories they find," he said. "Often they are forced to take a small bit of information and run with it to keep their jobs."

Dead spot: Mystery or science?

by Lyndsay Smith
Staff Writer

A strange spot, almost like an invisible box, was found by senior Meghan Lex at the bottom of the hill at Hillside this year.

There is a small landing at the end of the sidewalk. If one speaks while standing in a certain spot on the landing while facing the building, a strange echo can be heard. This is what happened to Lex. She was walking and talking with a friend when she noticed her own voice surrounding her.

Rumor has it that a lot of strange things have occurred in the Hillside dorm, and this spot was thought by some to be another link to these mysteries. Thus, it was dubbed the "dead-spot" by sophomore Ashley Williams.

"The name just seemed to fit," she said. "It just felt like a dead spot. I knew there was a logical explanation; I just didn't know what that explanation could be."

According to Craig Caylor, professor of physics, it is actually a sound phenomenon. The sound is an echo bouncing back from the building. The sound waves of the voice gather together in the ear, thus making the strange sound. Usually when one of these "spots" exists, there are more of them. More than likely they are in the grass, where no one really goes to chat, so they are more difficult to discover.

When the spot was shown to sophomore Sarah Kramer, she immediately felt something odd. "At first I wasn't sure if I was hearing the right thing or not," she said. "But when I finally stood in the right area, I knew right away that it was something weird."

photo by Aly Karg
"Dead spot" discovered at Hillside

It might be odd to think that it would only exist in one small area. It is therefore easier to understand when comparing the spot how a microwave works. When warming up food, some areas are not heated as much as others, which is why the food either needs rotated or stirred during heating. The same goes for the "dead spot." The sound waves only interfere in specific areas.

In this case of the "Hillside hauntings," there is a logical explanation. It is indeed science. Professor Caylor, in his amusement, said "It's not a ghost, it's an interference of sound waves, you bunch of weasels."

Bats haunt women's dorms

by Ashley Roberts
Staff Writer

Halloween has passed and so have all the scary effects that go along with it—the scarecrows, ghosts, witches and bats. But those who live in Hillside and Browne have to see some of these things year round.

Both of these dorms have problems with bats. The girls who live in these buildings can step outside and see bats flying and swooping around the windows and roofs. They don't always have to step outside though. Ask any girl who lives or has lived in either of these buildings about bats, and almost all of them will have a story for you.

Tandi Lane, a sophomore and first year residence assistant in Browne, had her first bat experience earlier this semester. Late one night a couple of girls from the third floor came screaming to Lane and Browne residence director Melissa Batulis.

There was a bat flying around the girls' room. When Lane and Batulis made their way to the room, the bat was sitting quietly on a bedpost. The girls who lived in the room were screaming hysterically, and ended up waking most of their hall by the time security got there.

When the security guard caught the bat, he wanted to show the girls how cute it was and proceeded to stick his hand in the bag with the bat. "It clawed him and bit his hand," said Lane.

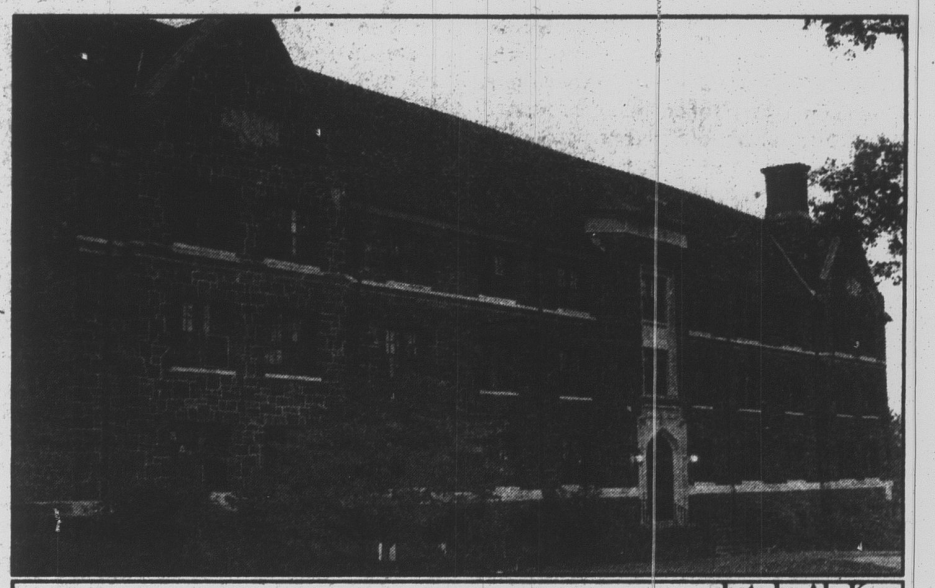

photo by Aly Karg
Browne is one of the dorms with a bat problem

But how are the bats getting into Browne? "I think they're getting in because we have some broken screens. Some people think they come in the chimney of Galbreath," said Lane.

Vicki Vroble is an RA in Hillside and has lived there for four years. She has gotten out ten or more bats since her freshman year. One year, there was a bat in the lounge area and Vroble had to go in and open all the windows to let it fly out, because nobody else would step foot in the room.

Susan Rhody, who is the RD in Hillside, got fair warning about the bats from the former RD, and was informed about them before she took the job. While most girls are scared when the bats enter the building, "I think it's hysterical," Rhody said.

RAs Diana Borowski and Ashley Williams have declared themselves the "bat-catchers" of Hillside. Their equipment consists of a mesh garbage can, a floor mat and a broom.

This is Borowski's first year in Hillside, and she and Williams have already removed five or six bats from the building. "You know there's a bat in the building when you hear girls screaming down the hall or from another floor," said Borowski.

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

We are still taking suggestions for Mardi Gras bands. If you have a suggestion, please send a music sample to Julie Lechner (Box 755) by noon on Wednesday. Include your name, box number, and the name of the band you are recommending. Bands will not be considered without a music sample. A final decision will be made at next week's meeting.

The Finance committee will possibly be amending the guidelines as to which groups can and can't receive SGA funding. They are also going to purchase new furniture for the Library lobby in the near future.

Spirit day is going to take place November 16th. This is the last football game of the season versus Waynesburg, and it is senior recognition day. Paint your face, wear blue and white, make signs, etc. Do whatever you can to show your spirit! The most spirited people at the game will win prizes from SGA!

This weekend in the Down Under: JT's café will be held from 10pm – 12am. The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown Saturday at 11:30pm.

Also, on November 15th, there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at 5:30pm in Russell dining hall. You must make reservations so look for more information coming soon from CPC.

There will be a Veteran's Day program this Monday at 9:30am in Orr Auditorium. The guest speaker is a holocaust survivor. Professors are being asked to dismiss you from class if you would like to attend.

To clarify the editorial in last weeks Holcad, money is not taken out of student's tuition for Celebrity Series. Since 1997, it has been paid for entirely by the Celebrity Series staff. To benefit Westminster, the staff has brought in over $100,000 through Celebrity Series to pay for the stage curtains, lights, and sound system among many other things. Also, through the Carolyn Knox Foundation, free tickets are available to students for every Celebrity Series.

Finally, as always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm in Philips Lecture hall. Also, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email sga@westminster.edu.

Ms. Bolger recognized for award

by Sarah Patterson
Staff Writer

The Who's Who of American Women Award is an outstanding award that recognizes women for their outstanding achievements.

Ms. Dorita F. Bolger has been nominated for this award in the past year. She has been working for the college since 1981 as an associate professor and a reference biographical instructor. A woman must demonstrate responsibility, leadership, scholarship and success in a public service or organization to be nominated.

Ms. Bolger was nominated for the first time for this award due to her public service and other various accomplishments, including serving as President of Mercer County for Women and writing a published book entitled Church in Social Action.

"It is a major honor just to be included in this award," said Bogler.

The award has published its twenty-third edition. This publication features the careers and lives of the women. It also serves as a biographical reference source.

Other outstanding women who have received this honor include Whitney Museum of American Art curator Barbara Haskell and Elie Wiesel, who is a holocaust survivor, an author, and a professor of philosophy at Boston University.

Many women have earned this award over the years due to their dedication to their communities, hard work in their professional field and leadership talents. Editions of the publication can be found at McGill Library.

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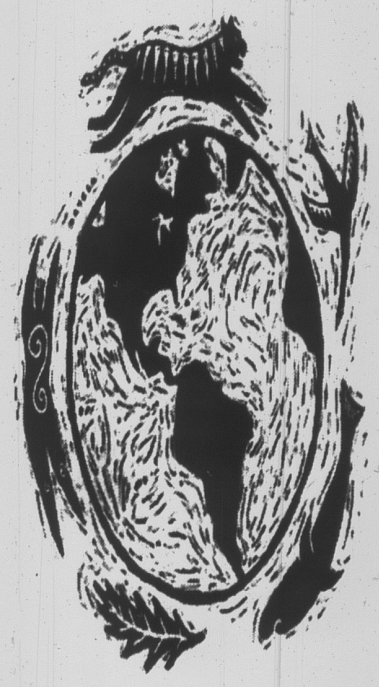

AND SAVE.

Senior Biology major conducts estrogen research

by Tricia Burich
Staff Writer

Jennifer Lewis, a senior biology and molecular biology major, finished her internship this summer with Merck Research Laboratories in New Jersey.

Lewis worked forty hours weekly as a paid intern. During her internship, she helped conduct research focusing on estrogen receptors. Her research was 11 weeks long, and she was provided with housing and transportation.

Merck & Co., Inc. is a research-driven pharmaceutical products and services company. Merck discovers, develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of inventive products to precede human and animal health openly and through joint ventures.

"The workplace was very diverse with many different ethnic groups," Lewis said. "The research experience confirmed that I would like to work in a pharmaceutical industry."

Lewis would also like to conduct cancer research in the future.

With assistance from her advisor, biology professor Dr. John Robertson, Lewis felt that Westminster prepared her for her internship.

During the internship, she was paired with a Merck professional who helped her through the experience. Lewis was stationed in the department of Pharmacology, but worked in a smaller research group, which concentrated on estrogen receptors.

"Coming from such a small school and going to a big company was such a major change, yet helped me prepare for my future," she said.

During her internship, she stayed with undergraduates from all over the world.

"My experience was very helpful for my future, because it gave me guidance as well as research work," she said.

Lewis's internship was useful, and she stressed the importance of having your internship supervisor write a recommendation letter for you. She still contacts her advisor from Merck to ask questions and to get guidance about the profession.

"I encourage everyone to get an internship. It's very helpful for your future and makes you realize what you want to do with your life," Lewis said.

For more information about Merck Research Company, visit www.merck.com.

If you would like to know more about Lewis's research, e-mail her at lewisjm@westminster.edu.

LEAD seminar: "Let your walkin do your talkin"

by Kate Sweeney
Staff Writer

Former NFL football player, Rob Coder, spoke to students in Orr mezzanine during the second LEAD luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The luncheon, sponsored by the Residence Life department, allowed students to gather over turkey and Italian sandwiches catered by Panera Bread.

From his years playing for the NFL, Coder shared stories and experiences that have given him strength to be a leader. He shared events of his own professional career as well as things others' have experienced that inspire him.

"He connected with the audience through his personal stories and upbeat manner. I think his positive attitude and sense of humor made everyone feel comfortable," junior Stacey Babyak said.

Coder based his speech on a particular event that occurred his second professional year while playing for the Seattle Seahawks.

Towards the end of a pre-season game against the Dallas Cowboys, Coder and his teammates huddled. They were down six points, and the result of the next play would determine the game. Before they broke huddle, an older member of the Seahawks who Coder admired said, "Shut up! Let your walkin' do your talkin'!" The Seahawks scored and beat the Cowboys by one point.

"I knew then that was what leadership was all about," Coder said. "Letting your walkin' do the talkin'."

Coder used examples from everyday "walks" or experiences to show how leadership and influence work together to make a difference.

"Leadership is not a title. Just because your title may say you are president, doesn't make you a leader. Leadership is the influence," he said.

"What he said about influence was important because on a small campus like Westminster, it is possible to see the effects of one person's influence on others. It's important we make it a positive influence," junior Cortney DiVito said.

Coder showed a brief, inspirational film about assessing yourself and your relationships. He then opened the floor to questions about his speech and professional career. He concluded by giving the students some sound advice.

"We have to change from the inside out," he said. "We have to be someone worth following to be able to lead."

Since his retirement from football, Coder has continued to use his leadership abilities by working with the Professional Athletes Outreach. He is currently the athletic Chaplain and director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the University of Pittsburgh.

The next LEAD luncheon will be Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. in Orr mezzanine.

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future of our PRSSA chap-ter."

As part of the induction, the group recited their pledge of faith to uphold the PRSSA's code of ethics and conduct themselves as professionals to further the public relations field.

"I'm so excited to become a member of PRSSA. It's such a worthwhile investment of time and money, and the opportunities are really great," said junior Sara Ialongo.

The new and current members in played "Who Wants to Be a PRSSA Millionaire." Questions were based on PRSSA history and events.

"I learned a lot of interesting facts from the 'Who Wants to Be a PRSSA Millionaire' game," said sophomore Josh Flaim, a new inductee. "I am looking forward to my future experiences in this wonderful organization."

PRSSA meets bimonthly to discuss fundraisers, up-coming events, and national conferences. During the semester, additional learning activities are planned including professional guest speakers and workshops.

Previously, only public relations majors and minor were inducted into PRSSA. Beginning this semester, however, all majors are invited to join.

"It was our goal to have every senior PR major be a member. We are very proud to say that we were able to reach that goal," Elias said.

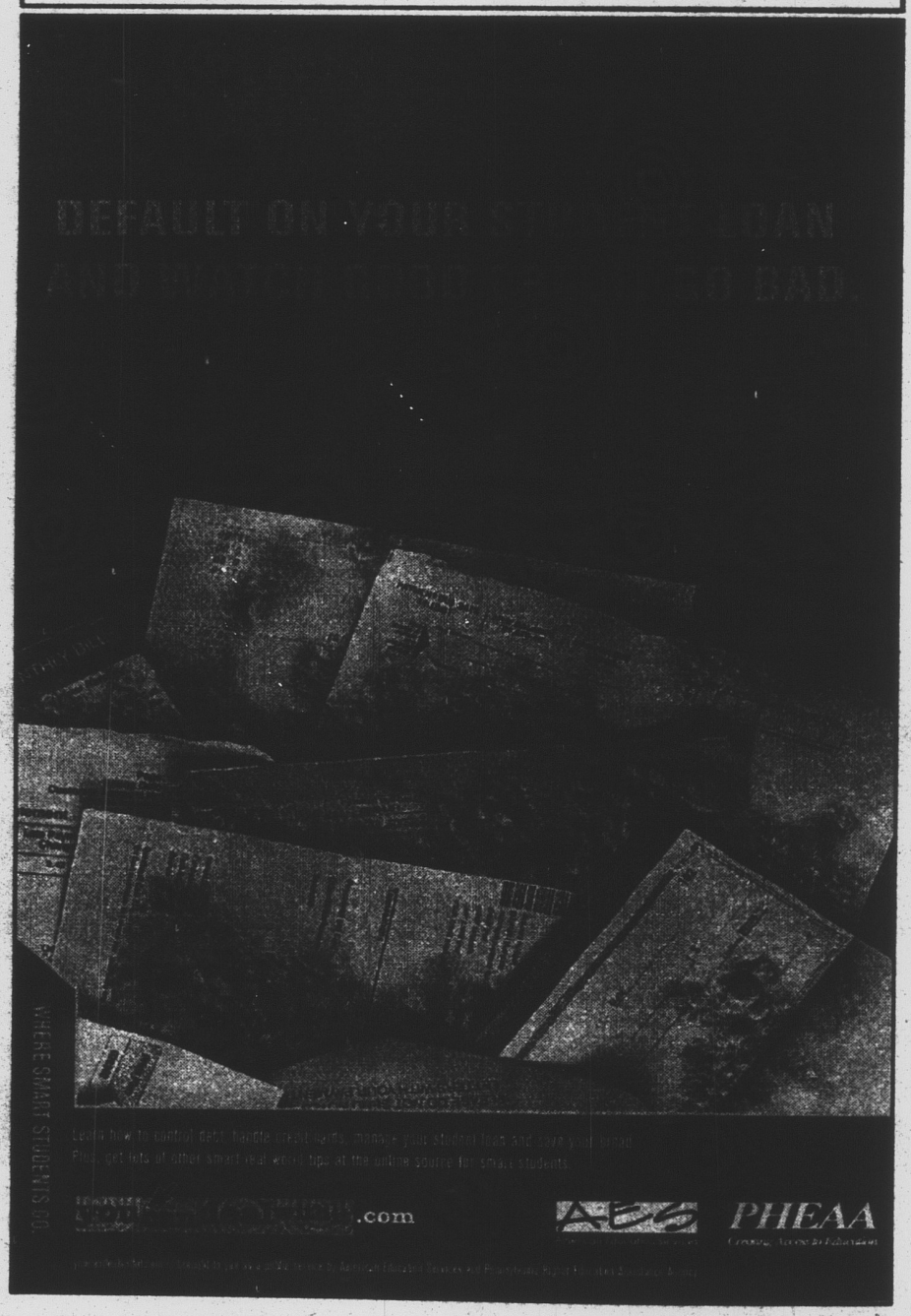
For more information, contact PRSSA Faculty Advisor Mrs. Natale at natalеda@westminster.edu, PRSSA President Megan Clark at clarkma@westminster.edu, or visit the PRSSA official web site at www.prssa.org.

Which member of Westminster faculty would make the best turkey? Dr. Swerdlow? Coach Haas? Professor Rosengarth?

Mortar Board, the senior honors society, is sponsoring Turkey Day 2002. Voting will take place during the week of November 11. Vote by putting money down, any amount, on a faculty member. The person who has the most money bid on them has to dress up like a turkey on Friday November 22. The winner also must eat in the cafeteria and distribute candy corn on the quad while wearing the turkey costume.

Faculty members participating are: Dr. Boylan, Dr. Tim Cuff, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Webster, Dr. Swerdlow, Dr. Mackenzie, Coach Haas, Professor Rosengarth and Dr. Harms.

Proceeds go to the National Center For Family Literacy. Voting will take place outside the cafeteria the week of November 11th.



AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

Dog-fighting rings practice animal cruelty

McKEESPORT, Pennsylvania (AP) The bouts, police say, were staged in basements and warehouses. There were trainers, promoters, fight magazines and $50,000 bets. Fighters were pumped up with steroids, and electrocuted when injured badly.

State investigators made six arrests in what they call their biggest investigation of a dog-fighting ring - a racket that has allegedly sent pit bulls to their deaths in a high-stakes blood sport for the past five years.

The six suspects were arrested Friday in Allegheny, Bedford and Westmoreland counties. They were described as "midlevel" figures in the ring and charged with animal cruelty.

"This organization actively promoted dogfights between pit bull dogs for sport and for profit. Wagering on these fights ranged from $100 to $50,000," said state police Lt. George L. Bivens.

Among items seized in the arrests were guns, steroids, surgical instruments, underground dogfighting magazines and rigged power drills allegedly used to electrocute wounded dogs. Twenty-one dogs were rescued.

A photo album featured pit bulls with names like "Crazy," "Screwface," "Gizmo" and "Rampage." Accompanying a photo of "Rampage" was a note: "Lost 1 hour, 18 minutes."

According to arrest warrants, the six suspects each had different roles in the ring.

Richard Henderson, 49, allegedly organized and promoted fights.

Robert Cooper, 46, is suspected of handling entrance fees at his pet store.

Brothers Thomas Ackerman, 26, and Harry Ackerman Jr., 30, allegedly had at least nine pit bulls and a dogfighting pit at their home.

Prosecutors said Christopher Bryce, 28, who lived with the Ackermans, electrocuted a dog and buried it in a back yard. State police recovered a dead female pit bull in a trash bag.

Another suspect, 46-year-old Dale Shaw, had at least 10 pit bulls, two treadmills, dog medicine and dogfighting journals, prosecutors said.

The arrests warrants say the ring sold and trained pit bulls and had organized bouts in western and central Pennsylvania since May 1997. Police declined to comment on whether more arrests were expected.

"Typically what has happened in these cases is a hit-or-miss investigation. We pick up one dogfighter or maybe a couple of dogfighters attending one fight," said Donna McClellan, a state senior deputy attorney general.

Police said Henderson was apprehended after he sold steroids and modified electric drills to a state trooper. He also offered to sell the trooper two treadmills, a rubdown bench and other dog training equipment for $1,500, authorities said.

The Ackermans, Bryce and Henderson were being held in the Allegheny County jail Friday afternoon and could not be reached for comment. None of the men had attorneys, according to McKeesport District Justice Thomas Brietic.

Cooper, who was released on an unsecured bond, referred questions to his attorney, Ralph Karsh, who said his client is innocent.

"This is an overblown situation. There are no allegations he took part in fights, arranged fights or had been to a fight," Karsh said. "He owned a dog store and sold people pet supplies."

Shaw also was released on bail. His phone rang unanswered Friday afternoon.

Driver blacks out behind wheel, kills two

PITTSBURGH (AP) A driver with a history of blacking out behind the wheel will face trial on vehicular homicide charges filed over an accident that killed a mother and her pregnant daughter.

Allegheny County Judge Kevin Sasinoski on Friday upheld charges of involuntary manslaughter and vehicular homicide against Jack Smith, 51, even though the same charges were thrown out by another judge this summer.

Smith's attorney, William Bishop Jr., criticized the ruling.

"He's a well-intended guy but has this physical condition and shouldn't be behind the wheel, but that doesn't make him a criminal," Bishop said.

Smith initially was charged after being involved in a car accident in the Pittsburgh suburb of West Mifflin on Oct. 18, 2000. Police said Smith blacked out and slammed his car into a vehicle carrying Patricia Schick, 54, and her pregnant daughter, Sherri Ann Zeis, 27, at 77 mph.

Judge Robert E. Colville Sr. threw out the charges in August, saying Smith couldn't be held responsible for his medical condition because he was licensed.

Five days later, Smith blacked out and collided with another vehicle, injuring another mother and her daughter. He faces charges of reckless endangerment and careless driving in that accident.

State officials have since revoked Smith's driver's license and prosecutor Matthew Wholey refiled charges against Smith after investigators said they found evidence that Smith tried to mask the seriousness of his condition so he would not risk losing his license.

Bishop said Smith did not withhold any information from his doctors or police.

John Gismondi, attorney for the family of Schick and Zeis, said he was pleased with the judge's ruling.

"Hopefully, the judge's ruling today will eventually lead to Mr. Smith being held accountable," Gismondi said.

Regional Briefs

Vanilla extract stolen for alcholic kick

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. (AP) Some grocery stores have removed vanilla extract from their shelves to prevent thieves from stealing it apparently for its alcoholic kick.

"We kept finding bottles and boxes in the parking lot," said Bill Jones, manager of Boyer's Food Market in Berwick.

Customers at Weis Markets and Boyer's Food Market in Berwick have to ask for the extract at the customer service desks.

Pure vanilla extract, which is used for cooking, must be at least 35 percent ethyl alcohol, according to Edgar A. Weber and Co., which makes vanilla for the food industry. That means it is about 70-proof, or somewhere between the potency of schnapps and vodka.

Store officials at Giant Foods in Berwick and Bloomsburg recently returned the extract to the shelves.

"We're going to monitor that section and apprehend anyone who steals this product," Giant spokesman Dennis Hopkins said.

Humane center has no room for injured animals

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) A humane shelter may be forced to close or resume euthanizing some animals because of financial problems, officials said.

Humane agents say the Washington Area Humane Society board of directors has told them to stop bringing abused and injured animals to the county's only animal shelter.

"I can't take these old dogs that are on their last legs. We're running a $4,000-per-month deficit and it's been that way since the shelter went no-kill," said Michelle Leasure, kennel manager for the shelter. "As a kennel supervisor, I have to take in the aspect of adoptability."

The shelter went to no-kill status in 2000.

Humane society President Ray Black said the nonprofit organization is in dire financial straits but hopes community involvement will turn the shelter around. The society is planning to hire a financial consultant to assist fund-raising efforts and general operations at the shelter.

John Hansell, the humane society's resident veterinarian, said "We need to figure out how we're going to get some money in for treating all the animals, because if I'm not available, then they have to go to an emergency clinic and those costs are outrageous."

Boy denied public education because of bullying

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) The parents of a boy who has enrolled in a private religious school say he was forced to do so because of bullying at public school and is being denied a free public education, according to lawsuit.

In their federal civil rights suit, Rodney and Valorie Erickson of Clearfield County said their son, 13, had to transfer this year to the Clearfield Christian Alliance School after enduring physical and psychological harassment from other students since first grade.

They are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages from the West Branch Area School District.

David Consiglio, attorney for the West Branch Area School District, declined comment because he hadn't read the suit, but said it was the first student-on-student discrimination suit he was aware of in the district.

Eternal flame re-lit

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) A so-called eternal flame that was dedicated 12 years ago to commemorate the city's deadly 1889 flood had to be re-lit with the help of an author who wrote a book about the flood and donated $2,000 to keep the flame lit.

The flame is located near the Stone Bridge at the confluence of the Stonycreek and Little Conemaugh Rivers, and winds that whip through the valley keep putting it out.

Michael R. McGough, author of a newly published book, "The 1889 Flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania" said the flame is an important reminder of the city's heritage.

"Johnstown's an eternal city. It's had three floods, and financial difficulties, but it comes back each time," McGough said at Saturday's relighting ceremony.

The 1889 flood killed 2,209 people. Hundreds more died in two subsequent floods in 1936 and 1977.

City workers have gotten advice from the keepers of the flame atop the grave of former President John F. Kennedy in Arlington National Cemetery, and have installed electrical igniters. They are still tinkering with how to shield it from the riverside winds.

Former police meets girl online, accused of molestation

BEAVER, Pa. (AP) A former police officer has pleaded guilty to fondling a 12-year-old girl he had met on the Internet and to possessing child pornography.

Michael Stramella, 30, of Ellwood City, had been a part time officer with the New Brighton Area police in Beaver County.

Stramella pleaded guilty Friday to indecent assault and possession of child pornography. Other charges, including luring a child into a motor vehicle, corruption of minors and criminal attempt to commit involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, were dropped in exchange for the guilty pleas.

Stramella was arrested in January after state police said they instructed the girl to call him and arrange a meeting. During the call, Stramella suggested the girl perform a sexual act on him, police said.

Police said the girl first met Stramella on an Internet chat service in July 2001 and the officer gave her his cell phone number last fall, police said.

The girl told police the officer started to make sexual comments to her and they agreed to meet in December 2001 in a school parking lot, police said.

During the investigation, police found child pornography on Stramella's computer.

Stramella will be sentenced in about three months after state officials determine whether he should be classified as a violent sexual predator under the state's Megan's Law.

NATIONAL

Lack of exercise accounts for 1.9 million deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) Physical inactivity accounts for about 1.9 million deaths a year worldwide, a United Nations report says.

Lack of exercise is one factor contributing to such illnesses as heart disease and some types of cancer, according to an analysis by the World Health Organization.

The analysis published in the World Health Report looked at inactivity as one issue on a wide-ranging list of preventable problems, including chronic hunger, obesity, tobacco use, unsafe sex and unsafe water.

The report is the first to consider the effects of inactivity on a global scale, said the study's director, Dr. Christopher Murray, executive director of WHO's global program on evidence for health policy.

The figures are rough estimates, which may be revised by further studies, said Murray, who added the quality of the data is spotty.

"Are they farfetched? I would say no," said I-Min Lee of the Harvard School of Public Health, who was not involved in the study. "Are they terribly accurate? I would say no. They are basically good 'guesstimates.'"

Globally, inactivity ranks 14th on WHO's list of risk factors for disease and death. Seventeen percent of adults - defined as people over age 15 - lead sedentary lives, the report said.

By contrast, childhood and maternal underweight from lack of food is the world's leading preventable risk, accounting for about one in 14 deaths, virtually all in the underdeveloped world.

In the developed world, in which more than one-fifth of the human race lives, tobacco is the leading preventable cause of disease and death, accounting for just over 12 percent of cases. Inactivity is the seventh-highest risk factor, accounting for more than 3 percent of disease and death.

Inactivity is more common in the developed world and in the better-off parts of the developing world. In the United States and Canada, WHO said, 20 percent of people don't get enough physical activity. In some industrially advanced areas of the developing world, it's also a problem - 23 percent of Latin American adults don't get enough activity for good health, the WHO report said.

The paradox is in the migration of people from rural areas to cities in the developing world. The bare subsistence lives they left required them to stay physically active. Their new lives require less activity. In a sense, by trying to avoid hunger, they have opened themselves up for heart attacks.

What keeps inactivity from being an even larger world problem is endemic poverty. Thirty-eight percent of the world's population live in the most undeveloped nations, where less than one percent of people have the luxury of inactivity.

A summary of the findings was published Oct. 30 in the online version of The Lancet medical journal. The journal also included a commentary by two Cambridge University experts who cautioned against placing too much emphasis on the relative rankings. They say the importance of exercise probably has been underestimated.

The WHO report did not recommend ways to inspire or motivate people to become more active. WHO researchers are still looking into cost-effective programs, Murray said.

They could include adding sidewalks in areas where there are none as a way to encourage walking, said one of the report's lead writers, Majid Ezzati of Resources for the Future, a Washington think tank.

However, it shouldn't be too hard to find programs that work, said U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, who was not involved in the WHO research. "We expect outcomes when we attach dollars to programs. We look for evidence."

Boy holds up adult video store

WATERBORO, Maine (AP) Authorities were deciding how to proceed in the case of a 14-year-old boy accused of threatening a clerk with a fake handgun in an effort to rent adult videos.

District Attorney Michael Cantara said the case sounded extremely serious and expected his office would prosecute the matter.

The boy, a ninth-grader at Massabesic High School, was charged with attempted armed robbery.

Police said the boy put on a Halloween mask and placed a half dozen adult movies on the counter before the clerk after the other customers left Action Video on Monday afternoon.

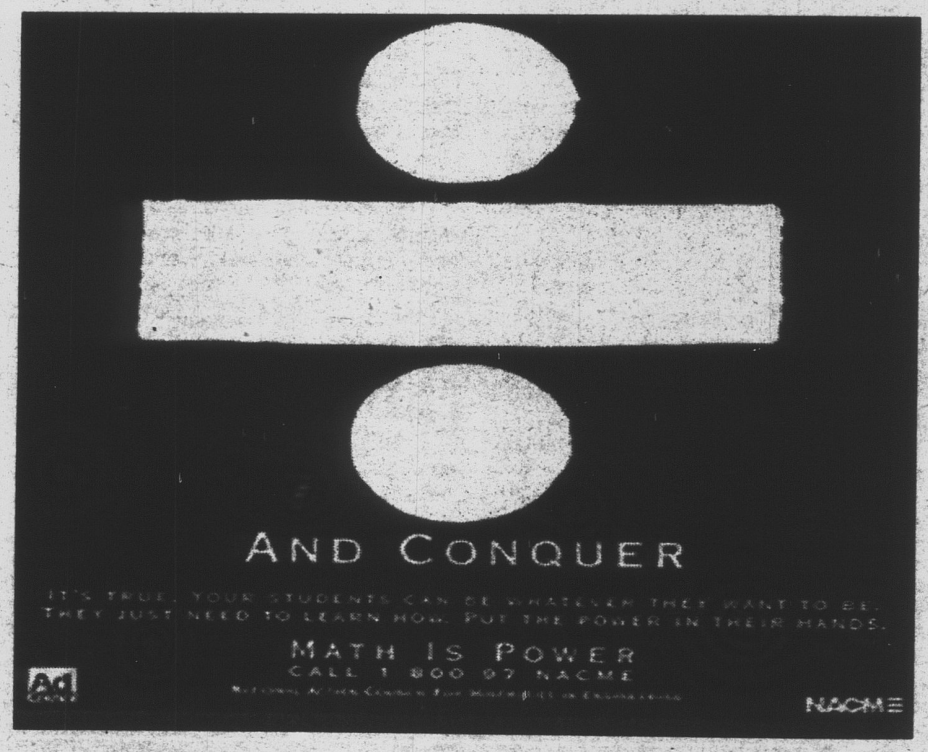
When the clerk asked his age and refused to rent the videos to him, he pulled the fake weapon out of his pocket and pointed it at her, according to Maine State Police Trooper Corey Pike.

The clerk ran out of the store and called police. The boy fled, leaving behind items that led police to his home in North Waterboro.

Police believed the boy was carrying a real weapon and the situation was very tense as officers searched for him, according to Maine State Police Sgt. Jon Shapiro.

The fake handgun looks like a 9mm Beretta and ejects a shell, Pike said. The barrel was soldered shut and is incapable of firing ammunition but the fake weapon emits smoke and a noise when it is fired.

The boy was released into his parents' custody.



National Briefs

Earthquake rocks Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) A 7.5-magnitude earthquake rocked Interior and Southcentral Alaska on Sunday.

Bruce Turner of the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer said the quake hit at 1:13 p.m Alaska Standard Time.

``It shook for a good 30 seconds," Turner said.

The epicenter of the quake was 90 miles south of Fairbanks. It was strongly felt in Anchorage about 270 miles to the south.

Within minutes of the quake, Turner had heard no reports of damage on land.

The earthquake did not generate a tsunami - considered damaging to Alaska, western states or Canada, Turner said.

Brutus the dog parachutes

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, California (AP) Sporting custom-made goggles, Brutus the skydiving dachshund plunged from a plane flying at 6,000 feet (1,800 meters) and parachuted before spectators at a military air show.

Animal rights activists had condemned Saturday's jump as cruel and exploitative. But Ron Sirull, the dog's owner and diving partner, said Brutus gets a kick out of freefall - or "fleafall" as he calls it.

"I love Brutus. I wouldn't do anything to hurt him," Sirull said. "It turns him on."

Brutus makes the jumps tucked into a pouch fastened to Sirull's chest.

Sirull says the 4-year-old dog has logged 100 jumps since his first dive at age 1.

Sirull said his dog's veterinarian and the Arizona Humane Society have signed off on the activity as being safe.

"The part he hates the most is the sound of the plane taking off," said Sirull. "I cup his ears."

Prison inmates escape

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) Three inmates escaped from a Lowcountry prison Sunday afternoon after scaling a fence and getting in a car.

The three black men were serving time at MacDougall Correctional Institute near Ridgeville for burglary and armed robbery.

"They were seen getting into a light blue or gray medium-sized vehicle," Corrections Department spokeswoman Cheryl Bates-Lee said.

A witness said they were seen headed toward U.S. 176, Bates-Lee said.

Lee said the inmates are: Juan Ashley, 20, who was serving 11 years for a burglary conviction; Cameron Jones, serving eight years for burglary and Alfred Flaughter, 28, serving 10 years for armed robbery.

Women build a legacy

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) A local Habitat for Humanity chapter is calling on women to lend hands and hammers to its first all-female project.

Workers broke ground on a new home last week as part of the nonprofit group's "Women Building a Legacy" project, which has seen all-women crews build more than 350 houses across the nation.

The local project had its genesis two years ago, when Huntington chapter executive director Diane Feaganes asked The Junior League of Huntington to raise money and volunteers.

Bolstered with a $20,000 grant from the national Habitat office, the group of about 60 Junior League women raised about $15,000 in the past year.

The Dalton Avenue house, the 46th built by the Huntington chapter, will be home to Shirley Foreman and her four sons.

Each Junior League member is required to work eight hours on the project and is responsible for getting four other volunteers.

As with most Habitat houses, contractors will lay the foundation and install electricity and heating systems.

Save for a male foreman and a male Americorps volunteer, the rest of the work will be done by women volunteers in four-hour shifts until mid-January.

"We thought it was a perfect fit for us and really goes along with our mission," said Junior League President Beth McClelland, who is continuing to look for volunteers. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

INTERNATIONAL

Hussein claims U.S. war attempt will fail

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said in a rare interview that he believed the American and British determination to make war on Iraq could collapse under the weight of anti-war sentiment in the two countries.

"Time is in our favor, and we have to buy more time hoping that the U.S.-British alliance might disintegrate because of ... the pressure of public opinion on American and British streets," Saddam told the Egyptian weekly Al-Osboa in the interview published Sunday.

"The demonstrations in the Arab and Western world include hundreds of thousands of peace-loving people who are protesting the war and aggression on Iraq," he said, apparently referring to protests in the United States and around the world last month.

Pointing to Arab public opinion as a force in Iraq's favor, Saddam also appealed to Arab leaders to defend Iraq. Arguing that Washington's goal was to control Mideast oil, he said that after attacking Iraq, U.S. forces could strike at other Arab countries and non-Arab Iran.

Most of Saddam's statements were standard Iraqi rhetoric - he blamed "Zionist schemes" for Iraq's troubles and said invading Iraq would not be "a picnic" for American and British forces.

But his references to anti-war demonstrations in the West were the first signal he believed protests could undermine President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the chief advocates of attacking Iraq.

Al-Osboa published two pictures of its reporter Sayed Nassar with Saddam - one of the interview and the other of the two shaking hands.

The newspaper said the interview took just over two hours and was conducted at one of Saddam's presidential palaces on the outskirts of Baghdad, with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz present.

Nassar made the trip from his hotel in Baghdad to the interview in three different government-owned luxury cars, each with curtains over the side windows.

While the United States has said it wants to oust Saddam to eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, the Iraqi president maintained in the interview that America's real design is to take control of Middle East oil to serve the interests of its ally, Israel.

"The Arab oil will be under the U.S. control and the region, especially where oil flows, will be under full American hegemony. All this serves Israel's interest with the aim of turning it to a vast empire in the region," Saddam said.

U.S. officials have consistently argued their goal is not to control Iraq's oil.

Saddam said that Washington's plan was to first attack Baghdad, then other "rebellious Arab capitals" that oppose American control over the region.

"The United States wants to destroy the centers of power in all the Arab homeland, whether these are in Cairo, Damascus or Baghdad," he said.

He said Iran could be attacked, too, and Saudi Arabia undermined, saying Washington wanted to split the Middle East into tiny entities ruled by "guards and watchmen" serving U.S. interests.

Asked why the United States is not targeting North Korea, which has acknowledged it was developing nuclear weapons, Saddam said "first because North Korea has no oil and, second, because North Korea is not an enemy to Israel, nor is it near its borders."

Saddam said that while the United States has far greater military power than Iraq, U.S.-led coalition forces could not expect to walk over Iraq as they did the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"We will never make it a picnic for the American and British soldiers," he said.

The Iraqi leader scoffed at Iraqi opposition leaders who have U.S. support, saying there are so few of them that "a Baghdad bus can contain more than their numbers."

Japan urges N.Korea to abandon nuclear program

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi urged China and South Korea on Monday to cooperate with Japan in urging North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

"We have cooperated in the past to promote prosperity in the East Asia region," Koizumi told leaders from China and South Korea. "From now on we should also discuss ways to promote regional stability."

Koizumi said it was important to convince North Korea that abandoning its recently acknowledged nuclear program - seen as a threat to both regional and world peace - would benefit itself as well as the world community.

Reporters were allowed to attend only the beginning of the meeting, held on the sidelines of the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Koizumi earlier said he expected to reach an agreement with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji and South Korean Prime Minister Kim Suk-soo on joint efforts to pressure North Korea's insular regime to scrap its program.

"I think we can share a common ground," a Japanese official quoted him as saying. "China doesn't want North Korea to possess nuclear weapons either."

Both Japan and South Korea have specifically urged North Korea to end its nuclear program, while China has reaffirmed its support for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

The Japanese official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the three East Asian leaders did not plan to issue any statement on North Korea after their meeting.

Instead, Japan wants the North Korean nuclear issue to be included in an overall statement to be released by ASEAN leaders at the end of their summit, which wraps up Tuesday, she said. As of Sunday night, officials were still pushing for its inclusion, but not all ASEAN members were supportive, she said.

She did not mention which country was resisting the idea. The summit host, Cambodia, has close ties with North Korea.

Last month, North Korea admitting having a nuclear weapons program during a visit by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly.

Since the revelation, the United States and North Korea have accused each other of violating a 1994 agreement under which the North promised not to develop nuclear weapons in return for two U.S.-designed light-water reactors.

Harry Potter lives in best town in England

LONDON (AP) The town where Harry Potter studies wizardry on the silver screen is Britain's real-life top town, according to a survey released Thursday.

Alnwick, a riverside market town with historic houses, cobbled streets and a castle that doubles as Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Harry Potter movies is the country's best place to live, said Country Life magazine.

"Alnwick is no chocolate-box fantasy of rural living," the magazine said. "It has the facilities required for life in the real world."

The magazine considered factors like crime rate, house prices, transport links and "local character."

The survey's authors said Alnwick located near the Scottish border, 300 miles north of London - combines an unspoiled town center and affordable homes with a beautiful and varied landscape.

Alnwick - pronounced "an-nick," also won praise for cultural amenities: a theater, a music festival and bookshops. The town is home to the Dukes of Northumberland, whose 700-year-old castle provides the movie exterior for Hogwarts school.

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Sports Writer

Detroit at Green Bay

Can someone explain to me why I picked Miami to win on Monday Night? That was clearly my biggest mistake of the year. Who goes against Brett Farve at Lambeau Field in November? Well, I did; but not anymore! I won't do that again. Detroit got a big win last week against Dallas. However, I don't think they'll have enough to get the job done in Green Bay. Look for the Pack to roll over the Lions.

Houston at Tennessee

The expansion Texans have to be pleased with their performance so far this year. Of course, getting spanked by the previous winless Bengals at home, must not have felt too good. Meanwhile, Tennessee is now tied for the division lead after their win last weekend. The division is wide open. Indianapolis and Jacksonville are having trouble finding wins. A win against the Texans would put the Titans in a great spot. I like Tennessee in this one.

San Diego at St. Louis

Give credit to Mike Martz for salvaging the season. St. Louis could have easily given up. They took their beating and now they have reeled off three straight wins. The schedule is favorable, and a playoff run is certainly not out of the question. Keep giving the ball to Marshall Faulk, and things will be fine. San Diego's defense got torched last week by the Jets. Will we see a repeat? I don't think the Rams will score 40, but I do think they'll win.

NY Giants at Minnesota

It's a re-match of the 2000 NFC Championship Game. New York is coming off an impressive win on Sunday Night Football. Jim Fassel is now calling the plays, and the Giant offense was very consistent in the win. The Vikings are in a heated three-way battle with the Lions and Bears to avoid finishing last place in the division (my guess is that the Packers will have the division locked up by Thanksgiving). Minnesota needed a big second half just to make last week's game close. I've got to go with my fellow New Yorker's on this one. The Giants will win.

Indianapolis at Philadelphia

My MVP vote still has not changed. Think of where the Eagles would be without Donovan McNabb. He is so explosive and he can impact the outcome of each game in one play. Indy continues to struggle. Until James returns at RB, then I can't see them beating a playoff caliber team such as Philadelphia. Philly is too strong with McNabb under center. The Eagles win big.

Atlanta at Pittsburgh

What an exciting match-up. Michael Vick goes up against the resurgent Pittsburgh defense. It should be a lot of fun to watch. Tommy Maddox is 4-1 as a starter this year. Everything seems to be clicking right now for Pittsburgh. Amos Zereoue has proven to the coaching staff that he is ready to carry the ball 20-25 times per game. The Steelers rarely lose a game at home in November, but I don't have a good feeling about this one. I'll take Atlanta in my upset special.

New Orleans at Carolina

Rodney Peete is finally back for the Panthers, but how much of a difference will he make? New Orleans had won three in a row before the loss to Atlanta two weeks ago. The Saints are coming off a bye week, so expect them to be focused for this game. With two weeks to prepare for the struggling Panthers, I'll go with the Saints.

Cincinnati at Baltimore

Will the Bengals keep the winning streak alive? After going for 38 points against an average Texans defense, the Bengals will be faced with a much more difficult task this weekend. However, a number of starters on defense, including Ray Lewis, will be on the sidelines Sunday. Another upset? Don't count on it. The Ravens will win.

Washington at Jacksonville

Washington is primed for a playoff run. They still have to play five division games and the Houston Texans. With a favorable schedule, the Redskins could put themselves in a great position with a win this weekend. Jacksonville is having trouble scoring points, and that's obviously not a problem for Spurrier's team. I'll take the Skin's in this one.

Seattle at Arizona

Arizona is seemingly another year away from the postseason. After starting 4-2, the Cardinals have dropped two straight. However, a win this week would still give Arizona fans hope. Seattle has so much talent. They should be better than 2-6. It's going to be pretty warm in Phoenix on Sunday. I think the temperature will have a big impact. The Cardinals will pull away in the 4th quarter.

Kansas City at San Francisco

Surprisingly, Kansas City is still in the hunt for a wild-card berth. It's too bad they have to travel to San Francisco to face the red-hot 49ers. Priest Holmes is having an MYP-type season. Look for him to continue his success this weekend. I don't think that will be enough to carry the Chiefs though. I like San Francisco to win at home.

New England at Chicago

The Patriots are coming off a huge win last week, and they find themselves right back in the thick of the AFC East race. After walking all over the Bills defense, don't expect them to do the same to Chicago. Chicago always plays tough at home, and I think this game will be a classic old-school battle. However, New England gets revenge in the rematch of Super Bowl XX.

Miami at NY Jets

Jay Fielder needs to come back; and soon. Miami is a completely different team without their veteran QB. Miami broke the "Jets curse" with a win over New York back in September. However, strange things happen when the Dolphins play in the Meadowlands, especially at night. I've got a good feeling about this. Chad Pennington will lead the Jets to victory.

Oakland at Denver

Monday Night Football's 500th game features the struggling Raiders against the powerful Broncos. Man people feel that Denver has the inside track to the AFC Championship game. The Broncos realize though, this game won't come easy. This is one of the best rivalries in the NFL. Denver has too many weapons though. I'll go with the Broncos in a squeaker.

WC Sports briefs

Westminster Men's Soccer Advances to PAC Title Game With 2-1 Double-OT Win Over Grove City

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa – The Westminster men's soccer team improved to 15-3-2 on the season and ran its school-record winning streak to 14 games this afternoon in New Wilmington, as the top-seeded Titan kickers advanced to the championship game of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship Tournament with a 2-1 double-overtime victory over #4 seed Grove City. With the win, Westminster will host the PAC Men's Soccer Championship game in New Wilmington this Saturday, Nov. 9, against either #2 seed Washington & Jefferson or #3 seed Bethany at a time to be announced.

The underdog Wolverines struck first in the contest, as Mike Koper scored off an assist by Jake Burns to give GCC a 1-0 advantage in the 16th minute of play. Westminster tied the game 1-1 in the 36th minute, as sophomore midfielder John Booth (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) scored off an assist by senior Carl Baldwin (Ridgway/Ridgway H.S.) to knot the game heading into halftime. The two teams then played a scoreless second half and first overtime period, before Booth scored the game winner unassisted with three minutes to play in the second extra period.

Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) made five saves in goal to earn the win. Westminster outshot Grove City 27-14 and held a 7-2 advantage in corner kicks.

Founded in 1852 and related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Westminster College is ranked among national leaders in graduation rate performance, according to U.S. News & World Report, and is the most affordable national liberal arts college in Pennsylvania. Westminster is also recognized by Yahoo! Internet Life as "one of America's Most Wired Colleges" and by the Templeton Guide as a "Character Building College."

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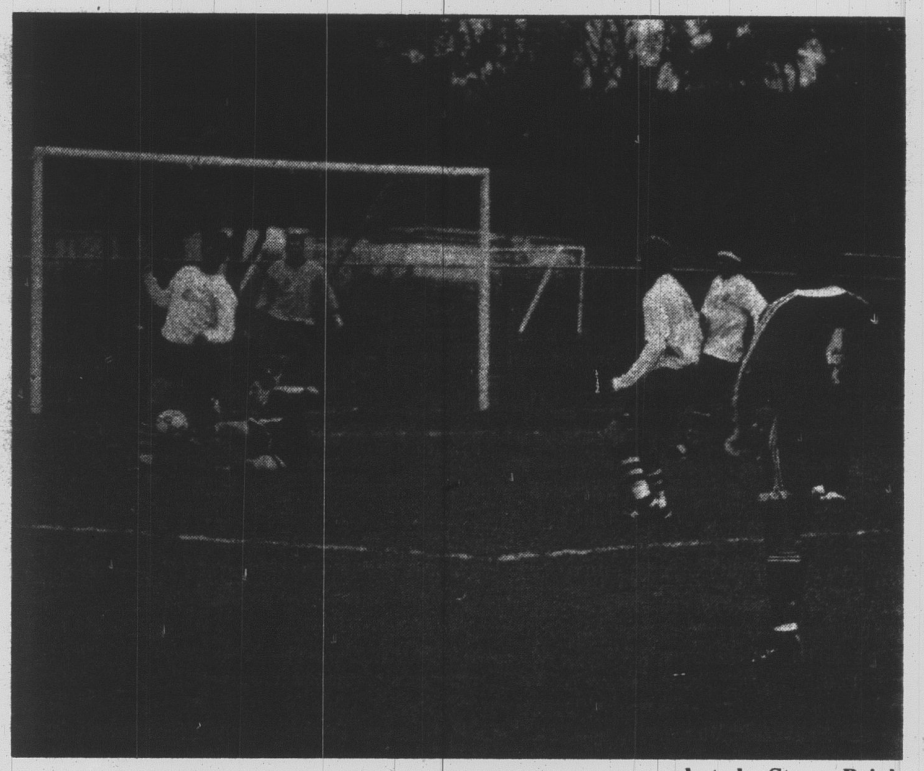

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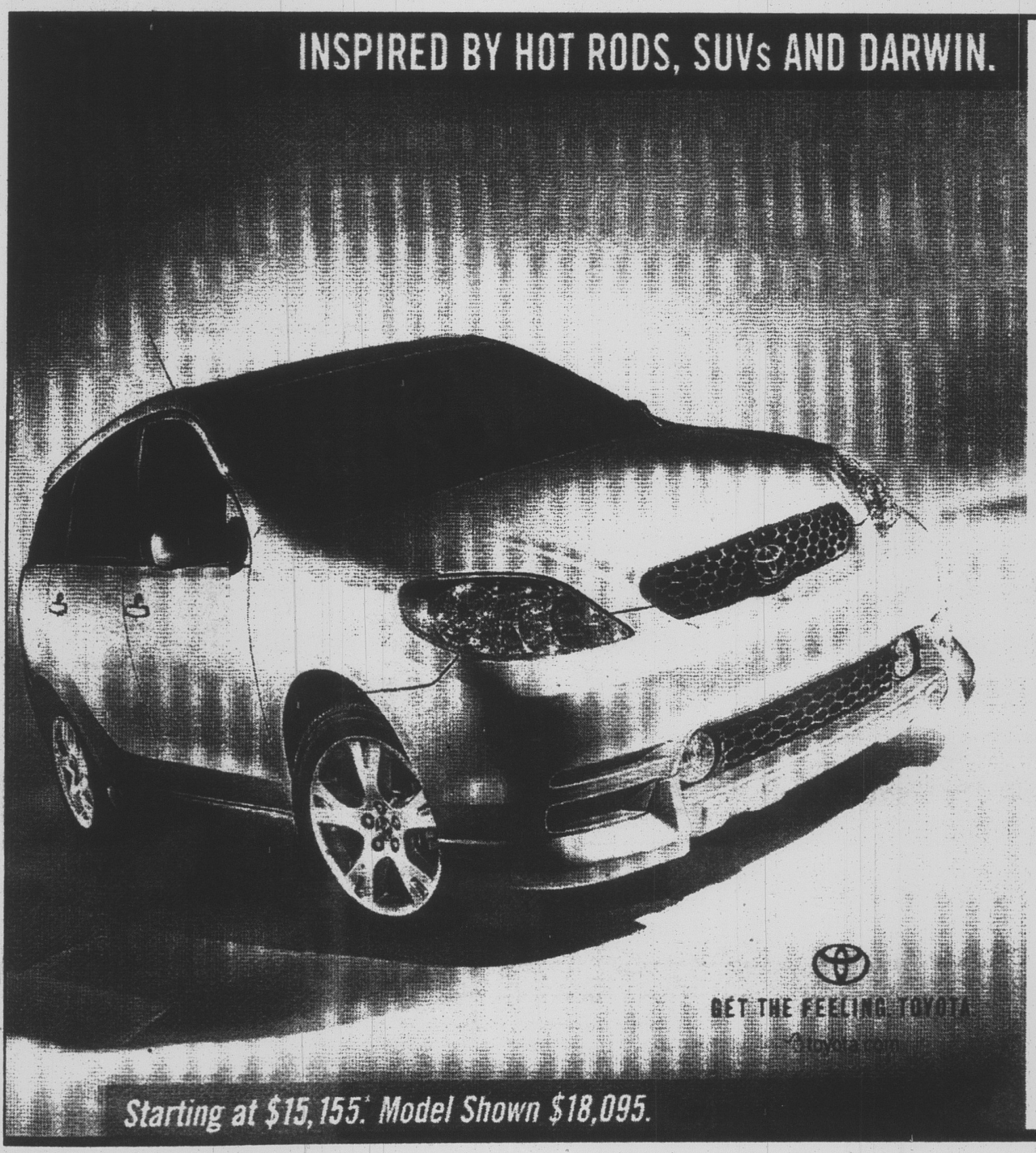
Men's soccer team



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Whoever smashed my pumpkins...meet me in the parking lot at 3:00 for some manly love.

Person of the month? I wanna be person of the year!

God am I wonderful.

I dated a cheerleader in highschool.

We're gonna need to talk about this.

How come every time I get interested in a girl, I see her going into Eich with another guy?

Why did my roommate watch Pretty Woman instead of the World Series?

If they were right
I'd agree. But it's them.
They know not me.

They have set us up the bomb.

Stress = bad
Booo stress

I don't have enough time to do anything. The semester needs to be longer or I need to sleep less.

Sleep is for the weak.

Your fly is down...hahah made you look!

What rhymes with Eichenhauer?

Lets hear it for people. Without them where would we be?

Moral dilema:
Snickers or Kit Kats?

No paper <--Rant

New printer <--Rave

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OUR VIEW: Flush apathy down toilet

Go and look at the letters to the editors. No, not the one about Generation X. That one speaks for itself. Go to the one about flushing. The letter is perfectly fine. It makes valid points as did the letter that came before it. The letters themselves are not the issue, however. The issue is the fact that letters written about terrorist attacks spur no response from the campus community, but as soon as someone writes about flushing the toilet, we get into a heated debate.

Come on people, do you care about anything? Every year at least one person (either editor or faculty or staff or student) writes an editorial about apathy on campus. You have most likely heard this rant before and will probably stop reading now; those who continue reading probably do not need to hear this.

Actions speak louder than words. What you are speaks so loudly, I cannot hear what you say. Do something. Words of wisdom tend to fall on deaf ears, especially on a campus filled with apathy like ours, right?

What about all the people in organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters, Oxfam, Mortar Board, Shoot for the Cure, and all the other groups on campus that do something.

What you are speaks so loudly, I cannot hear what you say.

Yes, our generation likes to complain. Sometimes it seems like our entire country likes to complain. It's easier than taking a stand. So look at all of the students who do take a stand, and go out there and join them.

We all tend to focus on the negative. How does the saying go? Something like we can hear a thousand compliments and not hear one of them, but one insult is enough to destroy our egos.

Only focusing on the positive does no good either, though. Unless we speak out against injustices, they will slip by unnoticed and flourish.

Look out - here comes another clichéd bit of wisdom. "All it takes for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing."

So what should you do? Complain to anyone who will listen or only talk about love and peace? How about a healthy dose of both? Think for yourselves and do not let anyone, especially those in "authority" tell you what is right. If you take one thing away from college it should be the ability to filter out the truth from all the crap.

Still reading? Go you.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If you think back, generation gaps probably started somewhere in the 50's…rock 'n roll, then the 'free love' of the 60's…then the 'protest of the 70's…then the 'fashion statements of the '80's, etc… and we've always heard our parents talk about 'the younger generation' and what we do wrong. Well here we are in the new millennium and I finally feel that I am now in the older generation.

We now have what everyone's been calling the 'X' Generation. The 'X' Generation seems to always ask the question 'What will YOU do for me?' The 'X' generation catch phrases are 'I deserve this'…'you owe me that'. If you don't believe me, then just read the Holcad. Especially read the sections when you, the students, get to give your opinions.

"I pay sooo much to go here and…(1) "the food sucks" - there seems to be every nationality of food offered every single night. Would it be to your satisfaction if we gave you menus and had the chef create a meal each night just for you? (2) "I have no place to park" - There are more parking places on campus than students. Face it, you just don't feel you should have to walk to class from Hillside. Maybe the college could provide shuttles to get you from Old Main to Galbreath…you know since it's such a far walk and all. (3) "Between Security and the RA's all over my case, I don't feel like I'm treated like an adult" - Name another college where you could walk across campus by yourself at midnight and feel totally safe? (4)"Celebrity Series makes too much noise, it disrupts classes and it causes too many senior citizens to be on campus that don't belong here", - Yikes, I need to say to the person who wrote that one 'give me a break'. Celebrity Series is designed more for the 'older generation'. The generation who is SO proud to be a Westminster graduate that they've donated money to renovate Thompson Clark, money to expand our athletic facilities, money to build that new campus center so that YOU, yes YOU, the "X" generation can have a better experience at Westminster. So if 4 times a year the college provides them with a concert or a show to say 'Thank you' for giving back to the college, why do we dare complain?

We complain because we are the "X" generation.

The 'Older Generation' cannot give you advice for never has the older generation ever known what they were talking about, but if I could try for just a second…please, stop and smell the roses…it's beautiful here, you're getting a great education, the food really is not bad, parking really is not that bad, you are making friends that you will have forever, there is every type of sports team or club on campus to be involved in that you could imagine. Sure it's not perfect, but Westminster really is a very nice place to go to school.

Maybe in 40 years, when you're retired from a job that you loved, when you realize you have had a great life and when you're coming back to campus to hear a concert by a 60-year old Nellie (and the students are saying 'who the heck is that?), you can look around the campus and say "I was part of this and you know what, I'm proud to say it!"

Jan Reddinger
Softball Coach

Dear Editor,

This is another letter concerning flushing. It is indeed a sad, sad day when an individual can honestly acknowledge that the other students at our school do not know how to shower. You must realize that dorms are not like your homes. There are roughly 200 people living in the average dorm, with about 30 toilets. It is therefore inevitable that someone will flush while you are showering. The water in your shower gets hotter regardless of which floor the flushing toilet is on. Even if the person flushing said toilet did announce the flush, you wouldn't hear it. So, if you take the trouble to calculate the probability that the flushing toilet causing the temperature increase is at a location where you could hear the flush, much less someone yelling flushing, the odds are that you will not know ahead of time that the water will get hot. The only logical solution to your apparently traumatizing problem is to realize that when you feel the water getting hotter, you should move. If it doesn't occur to you to move out of the way of uncomfortably hot water, then you have bigger problems than showering and should seek medical attention.

Moving: Learn it. Know it. Live it.

Sincerely,
Katie Alexander
Catherine Heidrich

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Biz

The Ring

by Biz Adams

I should have seen Jackass. Instead, feigning courage and catering to the Halloween spirit, I went to see The Ring and have regretted it ever since. People, I had to sleep with my dog, who smells, on Saturday night because I was too scared to sleep alone. I will say, with confidence, that this movie was the scariest I have ever seen in my life.

Why? Well, like most horror flicks, it doesn't have the best script or actors, with the exception of the little boy and girl. The character Aiden is played by David Dorfman, who would scare me if he read the yellow pages to me while I had 911 on speed dial and a loaded pistol. And then there's the catalyst to the fright fest, the little girl who never sleeps and runs around with her hair in her face saying things like "seven days," and "but I do want to hurt people." I just looked up her character, Samara, on the Internet. The actress who plays the demon child is Daveigh Chase, and she apparently was the voice of Lilo for Disney's summer hit Lilo and Stitch. Perhaps this will assuage my nightmarish visions of her chasing me around my house. But probably not.

Anyway, with the exception of the two kids, the other characters in the movie do not inspire fright. Naomi Watts, an Australian who looks a lot like her best friend Nicole Kidman, hardly maintains her fake American accent, especially when she is upset- I expected her to break into a heated discussion about dingoes and boomerangs during the movie. Martin Henderson plays the not-very-smart leading man Noah and looks like he came fresh off the set of 90210.

Quick plot summary: Rachel (Watts), a hard-nosed journalist hell-bent to make it on her own, is exploring a series of deaths that supposedly resulted from the viewing of a videotape. Four teenagers die at the same time, exactly seven days after watching this elusive tape. After finding and viewing the tape, then letting her son and his estranged father watch it, Rachel becomes nervous and seeks the answers to questions that her life depends on, before her and her loved ones' seven days run out.

Before you die, go see The Ring.

A hair raising film.

So what makes The Ring scary? The producers and directors knew what they were doing. The tape is the key scare factor of The Ring, and the movie's fright score relies almost entirely on the series of jarring images relayed with disturbing timing, mostly during the continuously-shown thirty seconds of images viewed on the tape-o-death. Throughout the movie, snapshots of the tape are shown and juxtaposed with current happenings in the film, so the audience, both consciously and subconsciously, is constantly reminded of and re-experiencing the fear from the video.

If you are a fan of scary movies, go see this movie while it's on the big screen. If you're a pansy like me, wait for it to come out on video and watch it somewhere sunny. Either way- before you die, go see The Ring.

Jam Master Jay of Run DMC gunned down

by Issac Ludwig
Music Reviewer

On 30 October 2002 DJ Jam Master Jay (born Jason William Mizell) of Run DMC was shot to death in his studio in Jamaica, Queens NY at the age of 37. An assassin using only a single bullet shot from a .40 caliber weapon gunned him down late that Thursday night.

"I was really shocked I never thought that someone from Run DMC of all groups would be murdered like this," Junior Ken Jae said.

His funeral was held this past Tuesday 5 November 2002 in Queens. Family, friends, fans, and Hip-hop icons such as Russell Simmons, Queen Latifah, Chuck D and L.L. Cool J attended the funeral to celebrate Jam Master Jay's life.

Former Rage Against The Machine and current Audioslave guitarist Tom Morello had this to say about Jay's legacy.

"Jam Master Jay was one of the true greats of hip hop. As a DJ he was absolutely devastating and could rock a crowd like no one else who ever stepped to the wheels of steel. His amazing musicianship and unforgettable beats changed my life and changed the face of music forever, and he continues to be a tremendous inspiration. I feel fortunate and grateful to have seen him play many times and right now I am about to drop the needle on 'It's Tricky' and raise a toast to the great Jam Master Jay. The King Of Rock will be missed."

Incubus's DJ Chris Kilmore remembered meeting Jay in 1999.

"They did a gig at the Roxy out here in L.A. and I got to DJ before they went on. I was like the support band. I met him out there and he was totally cool. We just met in passing, and he gave me a little bit of props and obviously I gave him much respect. I'm pretty shy and nervous when I meet people that I look up to. I can sit here for days, weeks, and years and take you through my life and tell you how he's influenced me, you know."

The NYPD has mainly focused on Curtis Jackson (aka, 50 Cent) for a revenge motive, possibly for unpaid debts. An arrest has yet to be made and the suspect is simply described as black, 6-feet to 6-feet-2 and 180 to 200 pounds. A federal probe of rumored organized crime ties within the hip-hop industry is said to be underway, but detectives have dismissed virtually all suggestions that the murder is connected to an "East Coast-West Coast rap war." They have also deemed that the murder in the South Bronx of Kenneth Walker, Jackson's promoter, is unconnected to Jay's murder.

Unity of country celebrated this Veteran's Day

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

General Omar Bradley once said, "In war, there is no prize for the runner-up."

This is a quote that deals with a broad subject for not only war, but as a life lesson. Why do we compete with each other? Why are rankings in class, sports, and Billboard charts so important to our lifestyle in the twenty-first century? These and other questions can be answered by the fact that we are all individuals, each of us packaged uniquely due to our different backgrounds, neighborhoods, and thought patterns. There has been several instances occur lately in the United States such as the sniper shootings, the September 11th crisis, and even as far back as Columbine that have had a great impact on the unity of our country's togetherness.

Even before these plaguing incidents were wars of a much greater scale. Our country has undergone the effects of hatred, jealousy, and misunderstanding from other areas of the world. Many men and women of the U.S.A have risked and lost their lives with the intent of helping our country and standing for our beliefs. The willingness and courageous efforts of the thousands who have fought and have been killed in wars are celebrated on Veteran's Day, occurring this Monday, the 11th.

I know that I am one to generally ignore holidays such as Veteran's Day, President's Day, and Martin Luther King Day, which is something that I decided to change about myself. I think the one of reasons most common for an uncaring and unacknowledgement of these days is a lack of knowledge in their history and meaning.

Veteran's Day, designated as a national holiday in 1954, is celebrated annually on November 11th. In other places around the world, it is called Remembrance Day.

A good website to visit is found at http://www.patriotism.org/veterans_day/ ,where Veteran's Day is discussed in detail so that the reader is more knowledgeable on why we celebrate this day in the first place. As with anything else, personal accounts of a situation always hit us harder such as the story found at http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/2855/dadvday.html.

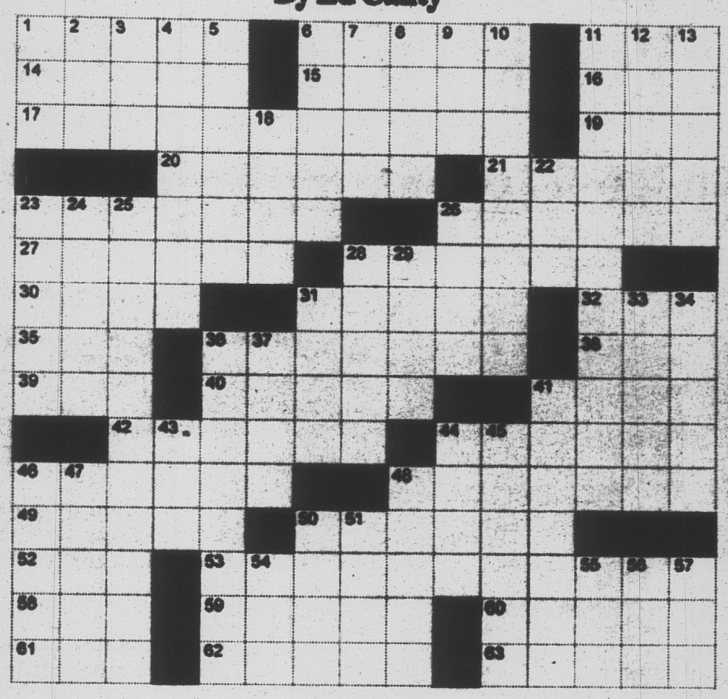
War movies such as We Were Soldiers, Black Hawk Down, and Windtalkers give us an unbelievably real picture of the historical accounts of many of the United States' conflicts. The History Channel is a great source of information on any piece of history, and in this case, programs such as The Veteran's Project and History Undercover help to give us a better account of the instances that occurred in order for Veteran's Day to be set in place as a national holiday. Check out their television program listings at www.historychannel.com .

Don't let a holiday as important as Veteran's Day pass you by this year without taking some time out to consider those who suffered for the freedoms that we take advantage of today. Take this as an opportunity to educate yourself about our country's history; past, present, and future.

Crossword 101

State Your Case

By Ed Canty



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Quotable Quote

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

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HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Use all of the resources available to you. A family argument may take some extra attention to straighten out, with no serious fallouts. You may need to make some choices - between spending more quality time with family and friends, or advancing at work.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
There seems to be some apparent conflict, but it is of a healthy variety, and may yield some unexpected benefits in the form of totally new approaches to routine situations. Don't make hasty decisions regarding financial matters until you know the whole story.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
You and your significant other may make a wonderful connection and the sense that you are growing closer will bring both of you joy. Success will be yours, even if it is of a low-key nature. You know you've made great strides, and soon the right people will notice.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Try to take it easy this week. You have been going at a frantic pace, and it will start to catch up with you. Decisions made hastily may be flawed, so put off action until you have all the facts. Treat yourself to something special, and maybe something a little frivolous.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
You will get ahead by working hard. Nothing less than your reputation is at stake, but no need to worry since your work is usually above reproach. Expect a little bit of a delay, because soon you'll be riding on the crest of success. The spotlight is yours, you deserve it.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
Prosperity is an issue, so instead of whining, take action. Work a little harder and you'll be surprised at the financial results. A surge of inspiration will enable you to get through any potentially rough situations - clear all avenues of communication.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Use your clout to get some new and different changes off the ground at work. Friends and co-workers can really come in handy now. You're working for no less than the greater good of all involved - remember this. Don't be taken in by careless flirting with someone new.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Keeping your nose to the grindstone is admirable to a point, but you might make a better impression with superiors if your approach is more balanced. Learn to give some responsibilities to others if you are interested in a management position.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
You tend to keep your emotional distress to yourself, and this might not be for the best. Allow someone close to penetrate your defenses. Your beauty comes from within, and creates a glow that is obvious to others around you. Make plans carefully to assure a positive outcome.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
A little contemplation will get your week off on a calm and clear path. You are pleased with the results up until now, but do want to improve your work. Allow troublesome obstacles to dissolve themself. You can't hasten this process by hovering and worrying needlessly.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Is your current relationship a little unbalanced? If so, playing the role too faithfully can bring resentment and boredom. Maybe a planned weekend pleasure trip is just what the doctor ordered. One or both of you may need to learn something new. Make peace with inevitable changes.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
When working on your financial plan for the future, avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. Anything which looks definite may not be beneficial in the end. Diversify investments and don't expect to get rich overnight. Any health problems are probably from neglect.

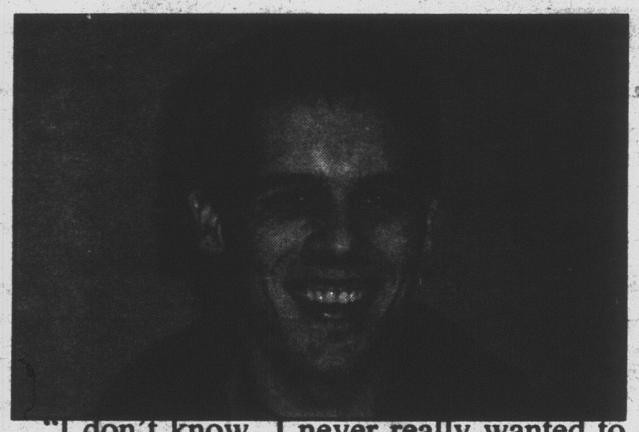
IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Catch up on correspondence with friends. Be wary though, encounters with others may end in emotional outbursts, which may leave you a bit bewildered. You may feel that you are constantly at battle with your significant other, which leads you nowhere.

FEATURE

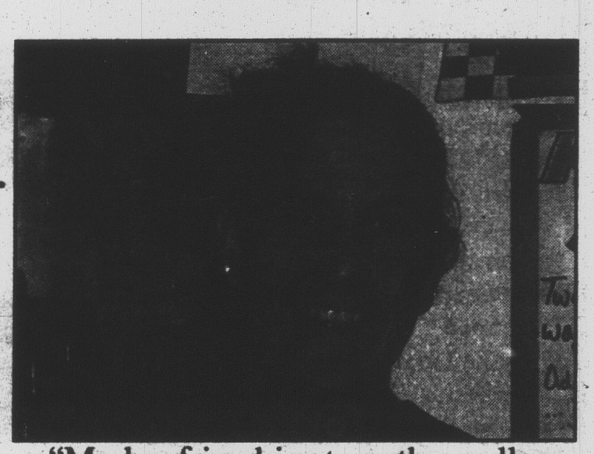
Question of the Week: The Great Escape

What makes you want to escape Westminster?

"Maybe to find more places to go, more things to do." - Josh Revitsky, sophomore



"I don't know...I never really wanted to escape." - John Kish, junior



"My boyfriend is at another college. I feel more welcomed and comfortable there than I do here." - Courtney Hamilton, senior

"The cafeteria food." - **Hillary Gustafson, junior**

"Why would I want to escape? I'd have to get a job." - **Geoff Tirrell, junior**

"Cause there is nothing to do here." - **Jaime Taylor, freshman**

"The lack of concern for issues outside our own little campus." - **Ken Jae, junior**

"The fact that I'm from New Wilmington." - **Sandy Edmiston, sophomore**

"Work. Classes." - **Kelly Roumbakis, senior**

"Just the fact that there is nothing to do. They offer a small variety of things to do. The nearest civilization is 20 minutes away, so if you don't have a car you're screwed."- **Kelli Russo, senior**

Is it hard to get to your house?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

I made an emergency trip home this past weekend. I just couldn't take it anymore. Maybe it was all the sugar from trick-or-treating that replaced my blood flow. It could have been the beyond controllable noise level that has taken over the halls of Ferguson. Maybe it was the blank page that I stare at when I know my capstone, the definition of my English career at Westminster, is due in a few short weeks. Anything and everything was telling me that I was on the verge of a mental melt down.

My boss, Jamie, offered to drive me half way home, but my dad had already hit the bars by the time I called.

"Is it hard to get to your house?" Jamie asked me.

The drive to my house takes a little under an hour. Depending on the route you take, it doesn't take much to get there. Then again, this is coming from the girl who gave directions to a friend on I-80 N...anyone ever hear of it? I didn't think so.

My mind was already half way to California when we got to Mercer. We took the scenic back road past the Theta Chi house to kill time. Mile markers for Franklin indicated twenty-three miles. I smiled, knowing that I would shortly be away from my worries.

"Do I need to take I-79?"

"Yeah, you can go that way," I tell my boss without much thought.

My dad always takes the Mercer exit when we come to Westminster. What my memory masked from my thoughts was that he takes the Mercer exit on I-80.

So we're driving. It's snowing-more like November 1 blizzard action. Mammoth-sized snowplows hug the ground in front of us to clear our path. Something doesn't seem right to me. This section of the interstate doesn't look very familiar. And then the light bulb goes on...and quickly shuts off. It is too embarrassing of a thought to need any extra light in my brain.

"Jamie, I think we took the wrong road."

"Are you sure? Maybe things will start to look more familiar down the road."

After about fifty miles of out of the way driving through blizzard like conditions, we pulled over at a rest stop to confirm the inevitable: Glynnis has no sense of direction.

We got back on course, the right course, as I slump back like a pouting child who did not get to stop at McDonald's, trying over and over again to produce a pardon. Jamie insisted that it was all right, but I knew she was ready to leave me off in the snow to hitchhike my way to Oil City.

"How could you have gotten lost?" my mom and dad demanded when I tried to explain.

Maybe it was the mesmerizing snowflakes that danced in front of the car window. It could have been the anxiety of going home unannounced. Maybe it was the vacancy of my thoughts, only conscious of running away from everything for a short amount of time. All I know is that I needed to get home this past weekend, even if I got my boss lost in the process. At least it was a beautiful drive through the snow.

CLASSIFIEDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Second Annual New Wilmington Rotary Thanksgiving **Fruit Basket Sale** is currently taking orders. The cost is $20 for a basket of 10 pounds of assorted apples, pears, oranges, grapefruits, bananas and some surprises. To order contact Biz Hines at (724) 946-7369 or e-mail ehines@westminster.edu.

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring its annual leaf raking fund-raiser in the community. Interested parties may call Christa Mayer at ext. 6650.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring an eye glass collection for the Lions Club. Boxes are located in dorms or contact propersl@westminster.edu for more information

Lambda Sigma is sponsoring "President for a Day," a chance to shadow President Williamson for a day. Tickets will be on sale outside the cafeteria and the TUB Nov. 11-15; three tickets for $1 or an arm's length for $5.

Oxfam, a fast that can help the hungary, is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 14-15. If only 500 students participate, they can raise $24,000 in food and farming equipment for others. Just don't use your Titan card in the dining hall or TUB for lunch or dinner Nov. 14 or breakfast Nov. 15. You can use dine dollars or eat elsewhere, if you choose not to fast. Donations are also being accepted at the Chapel Office. For more information, call Keturah Laney at ext. 7117.

Alpha Kappa Delta, the honor society for Sociology majors and minors, is seeking recognition from the College. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.25 and have a 3.25 GPA in the sociology major or minor. Their purpose is to promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities that will lead to improvement in the human condition. Any objections should be sent to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs by November 26, 2002.

What Can You Get from a Shoebox and $5? The Westminster College Chapel Office has the answer. 1) Find an empty shoebox (wrap it if you like); 2) Decide who your gift will be for, and stop in the Chapel Office to get a label for either a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14; 3) Fill the box up with gifts (do not use used items, war-related items, chocolate or perishable food items, liquids, medicines, or breakable items); 4) take your box gifts, along with $5 for shipping, to the Chapel Office by Nov. 8, and they will do the rest. If you would rather give money, all checks should be made out to "Samaritan's Purse."

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 8
Last Day for Operation Christmas Child Donations — Chapel Office
11:40 am Chapel
1:00 pm "A Visit from Mem Fox", Children's Author/Illustrator – Chapel
4:00 pm Allies Meeting — TC 315
8:00 pm Praise Band Jam — Down Under
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Georgian State Dance Company (Russian Dancers) – Orr Auditorium
10:00 pm JT's Café
SATURDAY 9
M&W Soccer @ PAC Tournament
Intramurals Event: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
1:00 pm Football vs. Thomas More College (H)
2:00 pm Celebrity Series: Tom Chapin – Orr Auditorium
7:00 pm Mass
Kappa Delta Date Party
SUNDAY 10
3:00 pm Orchestra Concert – Orr Auditorium
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:15 pm Rotaract Club — TC 315
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — PH 311
9:00 pm Movie
MONDAY 11
REGISTRATION
VETERANS DAY
9:30 am Veterans Day Program
Special Guest: Mary Barraco, WWII heroine — Orr Auditorium
11:40 am Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – Down Under
9:30 pm Lambda Sigma Meeting – PH 114

TUESDAY 12
REGISTRATION
11:00 am Leadership Education and Development Series: Paige Sant, corporate leadership consultant — Orr Mezzanine
5:00 pm Psychology Club Meeting — HSC 150
5:15 pm Rotaract Club — PH 114
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm Kappa Delta Pi Fall Colloquium – Location TBA
7:30 pm Westminster Triptych Concert — Orr Auditorium
9:00 pm Off-Campus Lottery – Russell Dining Room
WEDNESDAY 13
REGISTRATION
Application Deadline for Volleyball Tournament, an Intramurals Event (Apply in Field House)
Western PA Job Expo – ExpoMart, Monroeville
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Joshua Corrette-Bennett — PH 311
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster: Crazy for You – Beeghly Theater
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship – Down Under
THURSDAY 14
REGISTRATION
Application Deadline for Night Owl Bowling, an Intramurals Event (Apply in Student Affairs Office, 109 Old Main)
Honors Chorus – Orr Auditorium
11:00 am Support Staff Meeting – TC 314
4:00 pm Peace Studies Guest Speaker: Attorney Robert Jennings, ACLU Board Member — Location TBA
6:00 pm Circle K Meeting — PH 231
6:30 pm Sigma Kappa Recruitment Party – Ferguson Lobby
7:00 pm Bleasby Colloquium – HSC 166
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster: Crazy for You – Beeghly Theater
7:30 pm Gospel Choir – Chapel
9:00 pm Stargazing (weather permitting) — Hoyt Science Center

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-es around.

I was too short to see over most of the crowd, but I could see the torches up in the air, and the fire flying. There were large staves with bells attached to them, which waved and clanged in the air and the drums pounded so hard I felt like it was changing my heartbeat.

I watched the full moon as the dark blue clouds passed in front of it, framed by orange smoke and sparks flying upward. I just watched, listened and breathed in the smell of fire and wood and the outdoors, and I was happy.

Once the parade had passed, massive amounts of people flooded toward the train station. We really didn't want to get caught up in it, so we sat to the side, watching people flow in, eventually regrouping with Lisa and Kyle.

Together, it was decided that we would head toward the huge bonfire up the hill. In order to do so, we decided to cling onto one another as tightly as possible. We held hands, clutched backpacks, whatever we could to stay in a group as we worked our way with the rest of the crowd.

And then, the crowd shifted. A huge mass of people to our right suddenly surged forward, flattening our side and rending our group into pieces. Ezra and I found each other quickly, and we managed to get Kyle, but Lisa was lost. So, we resolved to go forward and find her. We pushed and shoved and wormed our way up the hill, until we reached the steps of the shrine.

Walking up the stairs put us at eye level with something that I can only describe as a portable shrine. It was set on poles which were being carried (or rolled along on wheels and certain points) by a large amount of Japanese men wearing sumo-type thongs in 40-degree weather. One man stood on the shrine, covered in armor that reminded me of a samurai, and a sheathed sword at his side.

The shrine jingled and jangled as they shook it on their way down, and we climbed the fence so we could see better. The sides of the fence were covered with gaijin and it was no difficult task to find people from Kansai Gaidai. We greeted each other with the knowledge that classes would not be attended in the morning.

Once at the top of the stairs, we had not found Lisa, so we descended the steps in the wake of the shrine, stopping at the bonfire at the bottom.

We reached an onsen (public bath), and the shrines turned around and stopped, and random gaijin waved torches and the nihonjin (Japanese people) slammed on the drums, and the onsen people passed out a lot of sake. The drinking ended, the shrine - just one now - was lifted, and we followed it all the way back down the way we came.

Still no Lisa, but at this point, I had almost forgotten about her. The core of the festival had finally taken root in me, and I was swimming amongst the kimonos and the chanting, the drums and the jingles, the children and the torches and the one samurai dressed in black behind us, masked and frightening, but surrounded by the men wearing very little clothing.

The fire had caught me, and I was happy staring into it and realizing I may never have this sort of experience again, and feeling very sad, and feeling the desperate need to take in as much as possible.

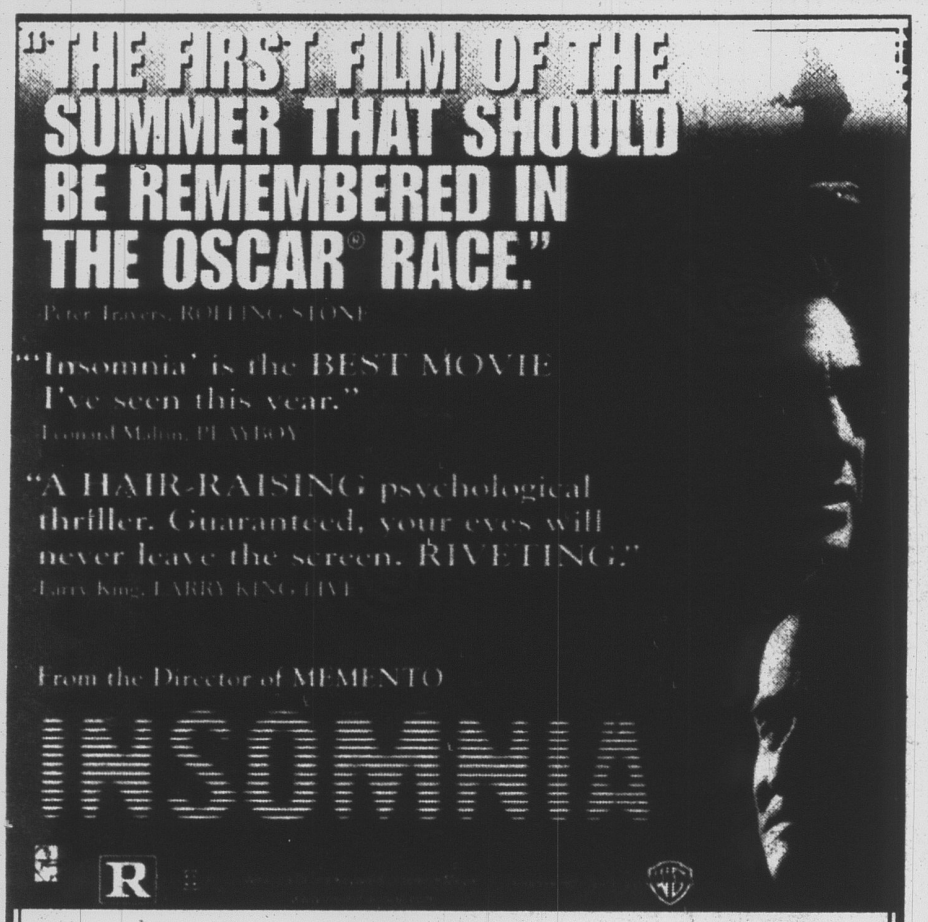
We were directly behind the drum, and we watched as they switched drummers, from an old man to a little child to random nihonjin who yelled out "Saire, sairo!" over and over until I wanted to yell along with them.

We passed everywhere we had been, and went a little further, and new huge torches were dragged out and lit, and I wanted to see them so closely, and yet I was so scared that they might be dropped again.

And then we stopped, and we watched as the torches were gathered, the shrines were placed into another temple, and more yelling and jingling and jangling of the staves took place, as I watched the whole thing in awe.

This country really knows how to party.

At the Down Under



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Praise Jam, 8 p.m.
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Saturday:

Movie: "Insomnia," 8 p.m.
Movie: "Rocky Horror Picture Show," 11:30 p.m.

Sunday:

Movie: "Insomnia," 9 p.m.

Weekly Events:

Late Night: Mondays & Thursdays, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Tuesday Night at the Movies: Each Tuesday at 10 p.m.

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Campus Center on its way

by David DiDesiderio
Staff Writer

The new campus center is beginning to look more and more like a part of Westminster's campus. The outside is virtually complete, and for what it has to offer, the new center will be quite an addition to the upgrade of campus buildings.

The new building will be host to many familiar offices, services and organizations. The inside of the campus center is still under construction, but the dry wall is nearly finished and carpeting is being laid.

"Everything is being finished and will soon come together," said Cory Bruce, on-site supervisor for Landau. "The structure is all finished, and this is the time when everybody gets excited."

The first floor will accommodate the college bookstore, the gift shop and even a changing area to try on Westminster merchandise. The first floor is also home to the food court. There is an elevator that sends food prepared on the second floor down to the first floor. There will also be booths along the walls offering students ample places to sit, eat and socialize. The first floor will also contain the campus mailroom.

The old TUB Lounge is being restored to offer a stage for small ensembles to perform. There is also a refreshment bar and a projection screen.

The second floor is home to the Titan Card office, Student Affairs office and an information desk. The Student Affairs office will be separated into four offices for its appropriate faculty, along with various conference rooms. Each floor is home to a number of conference rooms making it easy for many groups to hold assemblies at the same time. The diversity service will also be located on this floor.

The third floor will hold several student organization offices such as ARGO, Scrawl and the Holcad. There is a student organization workroom and a suite that will be equipped with computers. The Campus Programming Committee will also be located on this floor, along with the Student Government Association.

photo by Kristen Park
Construction of the campus center is on its way

The main room on the third floor is the Witherspoon Ballroom. This room is can be divided into two rooms by a moving wall. The two separate sides are the Orchard side, or the side facing Orchard Street, and the Lakeview side, which has a window view ranging from Patterson hall to the library.

Freeman Hall is linked to the new center and has received a makeover to offer even more offices and workplaces. The television studio, radio station, and Program Director office are located here. Freeman Hall will also be home to the new THX Sound Theater, a smaller version of a movie theater that will have everything from floor lights to surround sound.

"I had no idea there was going to be a theater in the student center," senior Kevin Humberston said. "I wish I had a few more years left so I could use all that the new student center has to offer, but it is good that the college finally gets something more up-to-date for its students."

The new campus center may look expensive, and it is. Almost 2000 gifts were received for the construction of the building.

"Tuition money does not pay for this building," SGA president Chris Nave said. "I feel that this building is a real benefit for the future of the college. It is long overdue and will be ready for the fall."

CPC seeks campus entertainment

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

The Campus Programming Committee took a trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan from Oct. 31 through Nov. 4. Three students attended the conference with advisor, Camille Hawthorne, to find quality entertainment for the student body.

Students were able to meet and talk with agencies and performers from across the nation. Junior Craig Carlin went on the trip.

"The purpose of the trip was to check out entertainment that can be brought to campus for the students," he said. "It was the NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) Mid-America Region Conference."

Though most of the trip was spent previewing entertainment, it was not the only thing that the students did at the convention. Sophomore Jessica Bevan also went on the trip.

"We watched five showcases featuring comedians, music acts, jugglers and magicians," she said. "There were also educational sessions about planning events."

The students who went on the trip volunteered to attend the conference at a meeting. Junior Kenneth Jae went on the trip for several reasons.

"I went because I thought it would be fun and a new experience, since I had never been to Michigan or flown in an airplane," Jae said. "It was also free."

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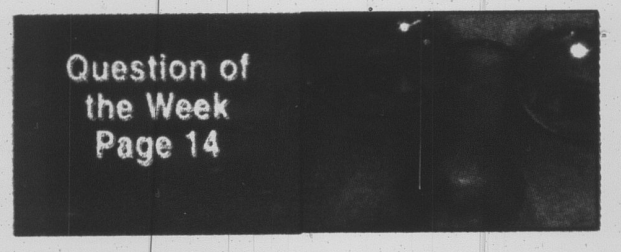

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CAMPUS NEWS

Off-campus housing meeting clears up students' confusion

by Michael Farner
Staff Writer

From numbers and criteria to availability and landlords, the off-campus housing arrangements at Westminster can be confusing.

The yearly off-campus housing informational meeting usually draws a big crowd, and this year was no exception. About 100 sophomores and juniors turned out to hear this year's news.

Since New Wilmington is so small, off-campus housing is limited. Because of this, the college has limited the number of off-campus residents to 35. That breaks down to 20 females and 15 males. While this number may seem small, it represents what is available and what the college can afford. Another reason that the number of leases is so small is that the bureau of New Wilmington has placed restrictions on those who wish to turn houses into rentable apartment spaces.

"We have a responsibility to our residence halls," said Assistant Dean Molly Burnett.

The college will hold the off-campus lottery on Nov. 20 in Russell Dining Hall. The women's drawing will be at 8:00 p.m. and the men's drawing will be at 8:45. The drawing is conducted by class level for individuals or groups of students who wish to live together. Current juniors get first choice, followed by current junior/sophomore groups. Current sophomores and sophomore groups will have the last available chances at obtaining permission to sign leases. If a student or group is not granted permission through the lottery, they can then be placed on a waiting list, which the college strongly encourages.

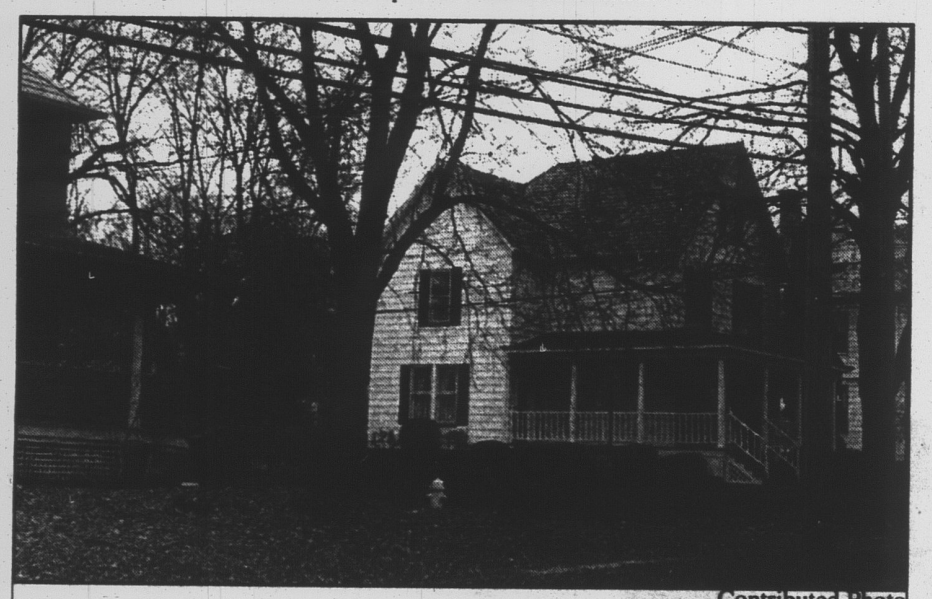
"Since we are holding the lottery earlier in the year, there is a greater possibility that some of the students will decide that they would like to live on campus, and this will allow other students to have an opportunity," Burnett said.

Once a student or group of students receive permission, they will have the ability to search for places to rent and sign leases. If a student signs a lease and does not have off-campus permission from the college, they may also be charged.

"After going to the meeting I feel like I have a better understanding of the process, and I learned a lot about what to look for during my apartment search. This will not be as easy as it seemed," said junior Dustin Mounts.

Aside from the normal hustle of getting everything and everyone organized, the college does not foresee many problems for the upcoming lottery. The only problem that exists is the lack of opportunities for the students.

"I wish that there were more places for students to live around the college, but I feel like the school does a good job at giving everyone a fair chance at getting those who are available," said sophomore Melissa Butcher.



Contributed Photo
Live in town or live in the dorms?

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Overall the trip was successful.

"We had a good time and we signed some quality entertainment for the spring semester including comedians and musical artists," Carlin said. CPC is a student organization governed by SGA. It is also responsible for finding entertainers for events such as Mardi Gras and Lil' Sibs weekend. CPC also sponsors Late Nights Down Under every Monday and Thursday night from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. The committee is open to all students. Those interested should contact Camille Hawthorne or talk to a current member.

Ski club prepares for winter season, upcoming trips

by Chris Borsani
Staff Writer

The Westminster Ski Club is preparing for the 2003 snow ski and snowboard season.

The Ski Club allows students to escape the humdrum life of Westminster for a day of fun in the snow at New York's Holiday Valley Ski Resort.

"Any time you will have an activity that gets people involved allows them to have an activity that they will enjoy," said faculty advisor for the Ski Club, Jason Nevinger.

This will be Nevinger's first year as the faculty advisor for the Ski Club. He, along with vice-president Isaac Ludwig and President Lydia Humenycky, are working to make the ski season enjoyable for all who want to join.

There are currently three trips planned for the 2003 season. Each of the trips is scheduled for a Saturday so they do not interfere with classes. The tentative dates for this year are Feb. 1, Feb. 15 and March 1. Participating individuals will leave Westminster at 7 a.m. and will return around 8 p.m.

Like most clubs on campus, each member must pay dues. It costs five dollars for the year, but this money is returned to the individual in the form of a discounted ticket on the first trip.

Last year, twenty-five students joined the ski club. This year more people plan to join.

"I was in Ski Club when I was in high school, and I am glad to now know that we have a ski club on campus that I can participate in," junior Craig Rechichar said.

Junior Andrew Norman Winner is a newcomer to the sport.

"I only went twice last year, and I am excited to go a lot more this year with the Ski Club," he said.

In addition to the ski trips, the club plans to attend a ski and snowboard party at the Quaker Stake and Lube.

A meeting for any individual interested in joining the Ski Club will be held later this semester. An informative e-mail will be sent to all students.

For more information on the Ski Club, please contact Jason Nevinger or Isaac Ludwig.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

REGIONAL

PA elects first female lt. governor

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) No matter which major party won Tuesday's gubernatorial election, Pennsylvania was guaranteed to achieve a new political milestone: its first female lieutenant governor.

The victory of Democratic former Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell means Catherine Baker Knoll, a former two-term state treasurer, will earn that distinction instead of state Sen. Jane Earll, the Republican running mate of state Attorney General Mike Fisher.

For her part, Knoll, 72, is excited by the prospect of serving as a role model for other women with political aspirations.

"I think I'm on the cutting edge," she said. "I'm going to have an opportunity to open the door for women, to exercise my ability and experience, and to talk a lot of women into running for office."

History suggests that many hurdles remain for those with executive-branch ambitions, even though the number of women in the Legislature has increased from 24 to 35 over the past 10 years, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. Knoll is one of only four women who have been elected to top state offices in Pennsylvania.

Republican state Treasurer Barbara Hafer has been the only woman nominated as a major-party candidate for governor and was unsuccessful in her bid to unseat Gov. Robert P. Casey in 1990.

She resurfaced as a potential primary challenger to Fisher last year - initially refusing to quit her campaign even after former Gov. Tom Ridge endorsed Fisher - but abandoned it in January. She said a campaign would distract her from her duties as treasurer amid the nation's economic downturn.

Although disappointed by that turn of events, Hafer acknowledges that Rendell's popularity and fund-raising ability would have limited her chances of becoming Pennsylvania's first female governor.

"Even if I'd won (the primary) I think he would have beaten me, but we would have had a lot of fun in the campaign," said Hafer, who became the most prominent Republican to cross party lines and endorse Rendell.

Hafer says a career in politics is a "lifetime commitment" that requires entire families to make sacrifices in order to support the candidate's ambitions, and women still struggle to balance both personal and professional responsibilities.

"It really is a family campaign. Any candidate has to have a support system, somebody as home who's able to be the anchor," she said. "My husband was the headmaster of a school and he was stationary, so everyone could use him as a grounding force. He was very supportive."

As more women gain experience in the Legislature, the pool of serious gubernatorial prospects is growing. But even those hopefuls can still run into trouble with the "old boys' network," particularly when it comes to fund-raising, said Michael Young, a retired professor at the Penn State University campus in Harrisburg who now runs an opinion-research firm.

"One example is that there are not as many women who are senior partners in big law firms as men. Some people might say, 'So what?' But Ed Rendell can get on the phone and call all his buddies from 35 years ago, and they can't. What it does is it keeps a lot of very talented women out of the circle," Young said.

Barring a surprise development that interrupts Rendell's tenure and requires Knoll to assume his duties, it could be another generation before Pennsylvania sees a woman become the state's chief executive, said Sara Grove, a Shippensburg University political science professor.

If Rendell's administration sticks to the current gubernatorial pattern of turning over every eight years, Earll - from Erie - could be well-positioned to run in 2010, Grove said.

"At that point we will have had a Democratic governor eight years from now from the southeast region of the state, and the demand might be for someone who's not from that part of the state," she said.

Juvenile escapees caught

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) Two teenagers escaped from a treatment center for juvenile offenders Sunday by using a rock to smash a lock on a gate, but were quickly caught by police, authorities said.

The incident happened at the Allentown Secure Treatment Unit, which is surrounded by a high chain link fence topped by razor wire, state police said.

Five inmates were outdoors, but inside the fence, when counselors became distracted and a 15-year-old boy from Croyden used a rock to break the lock, police said. That boy, whose name was not released, then fled through the gate along with Richard Ramos, 18, of Lancaster, authorities said. Counselors called police and both state and city police officers responded. City officers found the two near Canal Park and took them into custody, then turned them over to state police.

The 15-year-old boy was returned to the Allentown Secure Treatment Unit. Because Ramos is an adult, he was charged with escape and conspiracy, then sent to the Lehigh County Prison.

Ramos could not be reached for comment because he was in prison; it was not immediately clear if he had a lawyer.

—Regional Briefs

Minister accused of sexual assault

READING, Pa. (AP) A minister already accused of sexually assaulting a girl repeatedly over a period of more than three years has now been charged with assaulting two other teenage girls in his church office.

The Rev. Cesar Segura, 55, accused in September of assaulting a girl who is now 13, was charged Thursday with raping the other girls, now 15 and 16, in the office of Iglesia Luterna Cristo Rendentor, police said.

Segura was taken to Berks County Prison in lieu of $100,000 bail after his arraignment before District Justice Wally Scott on charges of rape, aggravated indecent assault and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse.

Segura, pastor of the Spanish-speaking congregation that meets at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, was accused of raping the 15-year-old girl in the office in May 2000, Criminal Investigator William E. Kase said.

Kase said the 16-year-old was assaulted in the spring of 1995 and again between July 1999 and January 2000.

During a preliminary hearing in September, the 13-year-old testified that Segura had sexually assaulted her in the office about six times between the summer of 1998 and March.

Segura's attorney, Allan L. Sodomsky, said Segura denies the charges.

"He is looking forward to his opportunity to be heard in court and defend himself," Sodomsky said Friday.

Digital directories for veterans

HOUSTON, Pa. (AP) A Pennsylvania veteran has devised a plan that will help volunteers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington look up names faster.

Ron Worstell, 57, who works for the Dallas-based technology firm Fujitsu Transactions Solutions Inc., got the company to donate 20 pocket-sized computers to use as "digital directories."

The iPAD computers make it possible for volunteers at the memorial to search for someone by name or hometown at the touch of a few buttons. Before, volunteers had to flip through phone book-sized directories.

"He saw a problem at the wall, and he came up with a solution," said Alan Greilsamer, a spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Greilsamer said the computers will be especially helpful for veterans who can't recall exactly how to spell a former comrade's name. "The beauty of the iPAD is that you can just enter a few letters," he said.

Worstell served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 as a light weapons infantryman for the 1st Infantry Division.

Erie schools submit new charter

ERIE, Pa. (AP) Millcreek resident Colleen Abata may not have to pay $2,800 next year for her son to attend an Erie high school that is located outside the family's district.

That's because Erie School District is submitting a charter school application for its Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy, which would mean that a student's home district - not the parents - would pay the annual tuition costs.

If the state approves such a charter, Erie School District would take in almost $1 million from other school districts by taking advantage of a state mandate that a student's home district must pay the tuition and transportation costs of charter school student.

Millcreek would feel the biggest crunch because about 50 students who live within Millcreek's boundaries attend Collegiate Academy, which has more than 100 students.

Iroquois School District Superintendent Joseph Buzanowski said he doesn't blame Erie. He said he believes the state should set up a separate fund to pay for charter school students rather than make local districts responsible for the costs.

Erie School Board President Jim Herdzik said the move makes sense.

"The money should follow the child," Herdzik said. "As long as it doesn't lessen the chance that an Erie kid can go there, I'm OK with it."

High-tech jobs not produced

PITTSBURGH (AP) Leaders of a technology consortium whose goal was to produce 1,500 high-tech jobs in the greater Pittsburgh area by the end of this year say they have created fewer than half that many.

Then-Gov. Tom Ridge launched the state-funded Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse in 1999.

The consortium includes 21 companies, universities and nonprofits who want to make the region a microchip design center by helping the company's share technology and bring their products to market quickly.

The Greenhouse got off to a torrid start, creating 661 jobs in its first year - but only six since then.

Tim McNulty, the acting secretary of the state Department of Community and Economic Development says he regrets setting the lofty 1,500-job goal "a little bit" but said, "I think you have to reach high. No great place becomes great by reaching for the middle."

The state has given the Greenhouse $17 million, and the group has raised $8 million more from foundations, companies and the federal government.

NATIONAL

Infant pricked with heroin-stained needle in city of angles

LOS ANGELES (AP) A woman accused of approaching a 22-month-old boy on a crowded street and pricking him in the ear with a heroin-stained hypodermic needle was sentenced Friday to one year in jail.

Phyllis Marie Johnson, 45, of Los Angeles, entered a no contest plea to child abuse, said Deputy District Attorney Steve Ipson.

Superior Court Judge Frederick Wapner also sentenced her to five years probation and barred her from having contact with any child under the age of 11 during that period. He also ordered her to enter drug rehabilitation and seek counseling.

Johnson was arrested April 27 on a downtown street after she was accused of injuring the toddler, who was with his mother. Witnesses told police they saw Johnson approach the boy and then walk away. When the boy began rubbing his ear and crying, his mother saw Johnson and notified security bike officers, who contacted police.

As the guards approached, Johnson threw a hypodermic syringe into the street, Ipson said. The syringe later tested positive for heroin residue, but not enough to win a drug conviction, according to the prosecutor. The boy tested negative for infection and is in good health.

Witnesses told police they saw Johnson approach at least three other children with an object concealed in her sleeve, touch them on the side of their heads and then walk away.

On Oct. 10, a Superior Court jury deadlocked 9-3 in favor of acquitting Johnson of child abuse, assault with a deadly weapon, torture and corporal injury to a child.

After prosecutors said they would retry the case, Johnson agreed to plead no contest to child abuse. The other charges were dropped.

World War Two memorial finally set to be build in D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) World War II veterans learned they are about a year and a half away from seeing completion of their war memorial on the National Mall.

The American Battle Monuments Commission announced Sunday the memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

"We really want to create what we call World War II week in Washington, D.C.," said Mike Conley, spokesman for the commission. "This could be one of the last great gatherings of World War II veterans in this country."

The commission says that of the 16 million citizens who served in uniform in World War II, fewer than 4 million are expected to be alive when the memorial is dedicated, noting that veterans from that era are dying at a rate of 1,100 a day.

A lengthy court battle was waged over the memorial's location and design, with opponents maintaining its large-scale design and location would spoil the character of the Mall and interfere with grand vistas long enjoyed by visitors.

The 7.4-acre (3-hectare) site is between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The white stone memorial will feature 56 17-foot(5-meter)-high pillars, two four-story arches and a sunken plaza with a pool. On the floor of the arches will be the World War II Victory Medal surrounded by the words "Victory on Land, Victory at Sea, Victory in the Air." A registry will contain the names of veterans and others who helped in the war effort.

Construction began in September 2001 and is expected to end in March 2004. Conley said the commission chose the May date for the dedication because of the Memorial Day weekend and the prospect of nicer weather than in March.

The commission hopes to organize several days of events honoring World War II veterans surrounding the dedication date, including a Smithsonian exhibition on the National Mall and a memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral.

The dedication itself may include President Bush, other government dignitaries and actor Tom Hanks, who was a national spokesman for the project's fund-raising campaign, Conley said.

Veterans are planning reunions in conjunction with the dedication, Conley said, and the commission wants to give them enough notice to make travel arrangements.

The total project costs are estimated at $170 million. Nearly $189 million has been raised through pledges and cash contributions. Conley said any extra money will go toward programs related to the memorial.

National Briefs

NYC disapproves nightclubs

NEW YORK (AP) The Bloomberg administration has been cracking down on the city's nightclubs as part of an increased focus on quality-of-life issues, published reports said.

Officials are also reviewing the city's cabaret laws, which ban dancing in places that do not have licenses, The New York Times and the Daily News reported Sunday.

"If you listen to stories about what led to this homicide or what led to this assault, you would be surprised how many stem from nightclubs," Assistant Police Commissioner Robert Messner told the Times. "We don't want these places in New York. We make it very clear."

The Multi Agency Response to Community Hotspots, a task force that searches nightclubs for violations of city regulations, has increased its enforcement actions by 35 percent this year, officials said.

Vincent LaPadula, a senior adviser to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and John Feinblatt, the city's criminal justice coordinator, are developing a policy for how the city should monitor the night life industry, the Times said.

Last month, Bloomberg announced a citywide crackdown on loud noise. He has also proposed a law that would ban smoking from all workplaces, including bars and restaurants.

Burned bodies found

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) Two people whose bodies were burned beyond recognition may be homeless people who sought refuge in an abandoned garage, authorities said.

Authorities had not identified the two who died in the fire Saturday and had not discovered a cause.

Arson investigators spent the weekend collecting evidence from the garage behind an abandoned apartment building known to area residents as the "Pink House." They also spoke with homeless people to find out if they knew of anyone who was missing.

"I can't 100 percent confirm this, but they (the victims) appear to have been homeless people," arson investigator Shawn Smith said Sunday. "They had multiple layers of clothing on, and it was a cold night. Based on what other street persons are telling me, and the descriptions of (the victims), that's our suspicion."

Buddy Thompson, director of the Asheville-Buncombe Arson Task Force, there was nothing in the scorched garage to suggest the cause of the fire, which was reported by a passer-by at 4:16 a.m. Saturday.

"Part of the problem we're having is that there's really nothing there to say they had any kind of warming fire," he said.

The wooden building had no furniture or trash inside it to fuel a fire, and there was no electricity in the garage. Thompson said it was doubtful a lighted cigarette could have caused the blaze.

Bear baiting criticized

JUNEAU (AP) A wildlife group has criticized the Alaska Board of Game for not putting an end to bear baiting in Southeast.

The board last week voted 3-3 to ban the intentional feeding of bears for hunting purposes. The tie vote meant bear baiting will continue.

Paul Joslin of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance said bear baiting does not allow for fair chase. He said the Game Board already recognizes unfair chase practices as unacceptable by its unwillingness to allow the same technique to be used in the killing of other wild game.

Joslin said his group is concerned that bear baiting takes animals away from their natural travel routes into less-adequate habitat or areas where they are more vulnerable.

He also said baiting may cause conflicts between bears because the bait, typically pastries, dog food, honey, syrup, bacon grease or animal parts, may cause them to congregate, leading to fights and death.

Car crushed in Jaws of Life

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (AP) Firefighters practicing how to use the Jaws of Life brought an early death to an innocent Honda Accord.

Antonio Rocha, 32, parked his 1986 black coupe behind the fire department's headquarters Friday morning, next to two cars that had been supplied for the Jaws of Life exercise. The life-saving equipment is used to extract passengers from mangled vehicles.

When the exercise began, firefighters assumed Rocha's car was part of the drill and removed its roof and doors, police told The MetroWest Daily News.

Rocha had left his car near the fire station while he walked across the street to the Adesa car auctions on Western Avenue, according to the police report.

INTERNATIONAL

English Criminal Justice system to change

LONDON (AP) Britain will scrap its double jeopardy rule for people acquitted of serious crimes and make tougher sentences available to magistrates as part of a major overhaul of the country's criminal justice system, Prime Minister Tony Blair said in an article published Sunday.

Writing in The Observer newspaper, Blair also outlined plans to allow details of a defendant's previous convictions to be heard in court and for the imposition of on-the-spot fines for anti-social behavior.

Blair said the changes to the justice system were intended to redress an imbalance that favored criminals instead of the victims of crime.

"We are pursuing radical reform of the criminal justice system, tackling anti-social behavior and restoring social cohesion to fragmented communities," Blair wrote.

"In today's world, people want a society that is free from prejudice - racism and intolerance - but not free from rules."

Blair said the radical reform of police and court procedures would take precedence in Wednesday's speech by Queen Elizabeth II in parliament. The speech by the queen is the traditional method of outlining the government's policies for the coming parliamentary year.

Blair said that Britons did not feel safe from crime and acknowledged that the justice system "is not yet working as it should" and punishments often do not match the severity of the crime.

Britain had a "nineteenth-century criminal justice system trying to solve 21st century crimes," with cumbersome court procedures and little cooperation between police and lawyers, he said.

Lawyers and civil liberties groups said the proposals were misguided and could lead to more innocent people being jailed.

"The idea that reducing the rights of defendants benefits the victims of crime is fundamentally flawed," the Bar Council, Liberty, Legal Action Group, the Criminal Bar Association said in a joint statement.

"This approach is also unhelpful because it detracts from serious debate about improving justice and is likely to undermine, or even wholly remove, vital checks and balances."

The joint statement said the proposal to allow juries to hear details of previous convictions could have a prejudicial effect on a trial and the removal of the double jeopardy rule presented "overwhelming practical difficulties," as juries would almost certainly be aware that the Court of Appeal had decided that there was compelling new evidence.

Other measures proposed by Blair include treatment for every drug-addicted prisoner, fines for parents who allow their children to play truant from school and penalties for anti-social behavior.

Blair denied that his Labor Government was following a right-wing agenda by cracking down on crime.

"However much schools and hospitals improve, if people walk out of their doors and are confronted by abuse, vandalism, anti-social behavior, they will never feel secure or able to take advantage of new opportunities," he said.

Al-Qaida officials failed in attempt to murder Pope

LONDON (AP) A top Al-Qaida official suspected of having planned the Sept. 11 terror attacks also plotted to kill Pope John Paul II during a trip to the Philippines in 1999, a British newspaper reported.

Quoting documents from Philippines intelligence services, The Sunday Times said Osama Bin Laden's lieutenant, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, planned on killing the pope with a pipe bomb planted in a park where John Paul was to speak, or if that failed, with high-velocity rifles equipped with laser scopes.

The plot was aborted when the pope's visit was canceled, the newspaper said.

Philippines police have already named Mohammed as the prime suspect behind a 1995 plot to kill the pope in the southeast Asian nation. Abdul Hakim al Hashim Murad, a Pakistani, was arrested in Manila in 1995 for his alleged involvement in that plan.

Mohammed evaded capture but returned to the Philippines four years later, months before the pope was due to visit Manila for a canonization, The Sunday Times said.

The newspaper quoted the intelligence documents as saying Mohammed might be in Pakistan but warning that "he may attempt to leave the country to elude arrest as well as conduct terrorist activities."

International Briefs

Dysentary rampant in Russia

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) The number of people hospitalized with symptoms of dysentery in southern Russia rose to nearly 1,500 on Sunday, officials said.

Those being treated with various intestinal problems include more than 1,000 children under 15 who consumed products from the dairy that authorities believe is the source of the dysentery, said Yuri Kolodkin, a duty officer at the Ministry of Emergency Situations.

The dairy in the in the Krasnodar region, about 750 miles south of Moscow, was closed Wednesday and its products banned from store shelves. A criminal investigation is underway.

No fatalities have been reported from the outbreak.

Symptoms of the disease include diarrhea, stomach cramps and dehydration.

Riot in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) Twenty-nine people were arrested Sunday after dozens of demonstrators clashed with riot police and attacked American businesses during a march to protest possible war in Iraq.

There were no reported injuries.

Police said up as many as a hundred youths, many of them of Arab origin, broke away from the main body of the march through the city center. Masked, stone-throwing youths broke windows at a McDonald's, a Marriott hotel, and a temporary employment agency.

They hurled stones at businesses and police, who responded with baton charges. They also targeted photographers and TV cameramen.

Witnesses said some of the march organizers tried to stop others from attacking the shops.

Police said many of those arrested were charged with damaging private property and rioting. They said 1,500 people took part in the rally. Organizers said 5,000 people took part.

Pro-Palestinian and anti-capitalist groups joined the demonstration led by a banner reading "Stop USA."

"We are against President Bush's policies in Afghanistan and Iraq," said Han Soete, one of the march organizers. "We don't want another war."

Plane crashes, everyone lives

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) _Turkish aviation officials on Sunday began an investigation of the crash a day earlier of a small Russian plane near Antalya airport.

All 28 people aboard survived the crash.

The Antonov 26 lost altitude, clipped a power line and crashed in an empty field in bad weather as it was trying to land at the Mediterranean city's airport.

Twenty people were hospitalized while the eight others aboard suffered minor injuries.

On Sunday, airport head Hasan Ozsahin told the Anatolia news agency that inspectors took aerial pictures of the wreckage, which is located some 500 meters (500 yards) away from the airport.

The plane had taken off from the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Hurgada and was landing at Antalya to refuel before setting off for Russia. All 19 passengers were employees of a Russian company who were returning home from an assignment in Hurgada.

Antalya, 550 kilometers (330 miles) south of the capital Ankara, is a popular destination for Russian tourists.

Terrorist attack British

LONDON (AP) Home Secretary David Blunkett said on Sunday the government could not fully protect Britons against the threat of terrorist attacks.

Blunkett told the British Broadcasting Corp. that security officials were monitoring groups and individuals in Britain "who are in any way likely to pose a risk."

"But let me make it clear," the minister added, "whilst we can do everything humanly possible, learning from the security and police services' experience of terrorism from Ireland, we cannot guarantee that we can protect everyone, at every moment, at every time."

He said it was important Britain was not crippled by the fear of terrorism.

"The aftermath of Bali has taught us we really do need to try and balance keeping our economy, our social life, with the necessary measures to secure our well being and if we don't get that right the terrorists will have won," Blunkett added.

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SPORTS

NFL Weekly

Weekly predictions on the upcoming weekend:

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh at Tennessee

Even though the Steeler, Falcon thriller ended in a tie, I'm still going to take credit for the win. It was the most exciting game of the year by far. The Steelers have to be very disappointed though. After giving up 17 unanswered points to Michael Vick & Co., Pittsburgh could not capitalize in overtime. I could see the Steelers losing this game. Tennessee has won four in a row, and the game is being played in Nashville. Upset special? I don't think so. The Steelers will win in a nail-biter.

Dallas at Indianapolis

IfIndy plays as well as they did last week, then they will win every remaining game on their schedule. It's too bad that the Colts are one of the most inconsistent teams in the NFL. Give Indianapolis some credit though. Winning in Philadelphia is no easy task. However, the Colts better not look ahead to the showdown in Tennessee on Dec. 8dt. Dallas is the kind of team who could go into Indianapolis and pun off the upset. But I stin like the Colts.

Buffalo at Kansas City

This is such a crucial game for both teams. Buffalo is in a three-way tie for the lead in the AFC East with the Jets one game back. Meanwhile, Kansas City can in-afford to lose a November home game and stin expect to have a shot at the playoffs. This one's a toss up, but Buffalo is coming offa bye week, so I'n the Bills.

Baltimore at Miami

Miami received awful news this week when they learned that QB Jay Fielder win be out until at least December. Miami .can't afford to lose anymore games. All of a sudden Miami finds themselves tied for the division lead. The Dolphins did .showa lot of guts by hanging around with the Jets for as long as they did. Miami's defense win keep this game close. Call me crazy, but I'm going with the Dolphins.

Green Bay at Minnesota

This game win not be close. Green Bay will win big.

Washington atNYGiants

This is the most important game of the weekend. Each team desperately needs a win to keep close to the Eagles in the division mce. Both teams stin have to play the Philadelphia later on in the year, so this game means a lot. New York has been hot recently, and their playing at home. I think the Giants win grab sole possession of 2nd place.

Arizona at Philadelphia

Philadelphia was embarrassed on their home turf last weekend against the Colts. I don't think they will let that happen again this week. It seems that Phiny has trouble winning against teams from the AFC (an three losses have come to AFC South teams). That doesn't bode wen for the Super Bowl. The Super Bowl is stin a long ways away though. The struggling Cardinals are up next for the Eagles. Philadelphia wins big.

New Orleans at Atlanta

This is the weekend's most exciting game. Atlanta must feel good about themselves after fighting back to get a tie in Pittsburgh. The Falcons come back home this week where they face the Isf place Saints. A few weeks ago, Atlanta handed New Orleans their second loss of the season. This game could go either way, and I'm a believer in Michael Vick. The Falcons win win at home in my upset special.

Cleveland at Cincinnati

Look on the bright side Cincinnati fans, the Bengals are only on a one-game losing streak. Cincinnati played better last week against Baltimore but the defense was horrendous. These two teams always play each other tough, but I think the Browns will be too much.

Carolina at Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay has quietly put together a solid year. Theyare 7-2 so far, and the Bucs will look to add to their win total this week. After starting the year off great, the Panthers have since dropped six straight. However, Carolina almost upset the Bucs a few weeks ago at home. Unfortunately, this game is being played in Tampa Bay. I'm going with Tampa.

San Francisco at San Diego

The Chargers have dropped two straight, and desperately need a win this weekend. San Diego is still tied for 1&1 in the division, but only because Denver lost on Monday Night. The schedule for the Chargers is murderous. They playa playoff contending team every week until the season finale against Seattle. The 4gers certainly won't make it easy for them. I'm going with San Fran.

Denver at Seatle

Rich Gannon torched the Broncos secondary last week as he set a single-game record of 21 consecutive completions. Luckily, Seattle can't throw the ball. Denver didn't play very well on Monday Night, butI think they'll rebound this week against the Seahawks. Denver is the pick.

Jacksonville at Houston

I realize the Texans won in Jacksonville a few weeks ago, but I don't think they can do it again. Even though theyare I playing at home, the Jags may be in the midst ofa playoff run. Jacksonville's schedule is very favorable. They don't play another playoff contender until the Steelers travel to Florida in three weeks. I think the Jaguars will payback the Texans this week.

NY Jets at Detroit

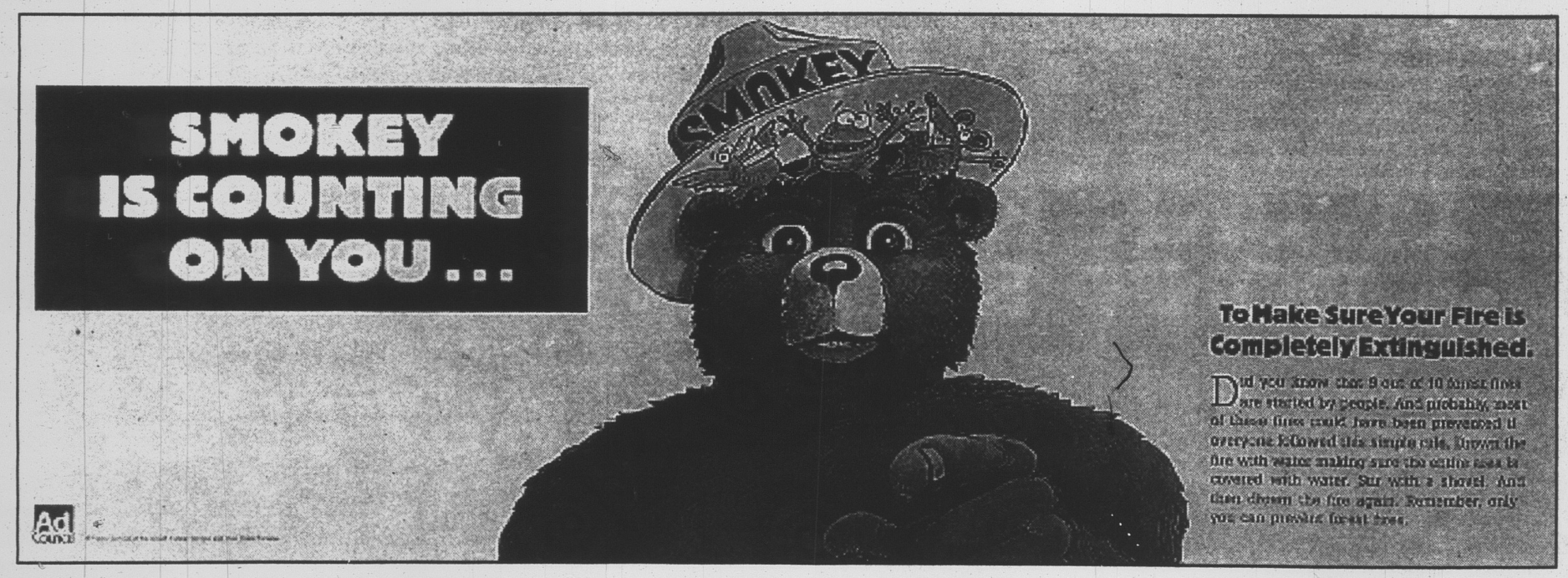
The Jets could be tied for their division lead if they hadn't blown a 21-point lead at home to the Cleveland Browns. .Nevertheless, they are now only one game out of 181 place after their big win at home over Miami. New York still has .chance for the postseason, but the remaining schedule is very difficult. The Jets must have a win to keep their playoff hopes alive. I think they'll get it. Look for the Jets to win in a squeaker.

New England at Oakland

Both teams are coming off big road wins last week. Oakland was flawless on Monday Night. Rich Gannon had the game ofhis life against the Broncos. The question is, can he repeat that performance? I don't think he'll be as good, but I'll take the Raiders at home in this one.

Chicago at St. Louis

St. Louis needs a couple more wins and a 4ger loss to get back in the division race. The Rams still have an outside shot at the playoffs. However, they can't afford to lose Monday Night to the inferior Bears. Chicago will play hard, and they will make this game very close. With or without Faulk, I think the Rams will be too much at home.



Scott Froelich becomes focal point of offense

by Jarrod Takah
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Scott Froelich, a sophomore running back from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, has enjoyed a successful start to his collegiate career. This season, he's become the focal point of the offensive game plan. Head Coach Jerry Schmitt would like to establish a ball control offense as his team's identity here at Westminster.

"Getting Scott the ball is obviously a part of the game plan. Control the game and control the clock with the offense," Schmitt said.

Last season, Froelich gained 761 yards as a freshman. After eight games this season, Froelich ranks tenth in NCAA Division III. He is the sixth Westminster runner to amass 1,000 yards in a single season. Froelich joins John Ciavarra as the second runner to reach the milestone during Schmitt's tenure.

Scott's success is borne of his best running attribute: tenacity. "Scott always fights for extra yards. He's as competitive a person as I've ever coached," Schmitt said. "He's not a burner, doesn't have outstanding size and strength. He just works."

Froelich's effort in his second week exemplified his tenacity. Against the Mansfield Mountaineers, Froelich rushed for 154 yards on 38 carries, scoring touchdowns of 15 and 25 yards, respectively. For his efforts, d3football.com named Froelich to its "Team of the Week." Oddly enough, Froelich's 15-yard scamper midway through the first quarter marked his first collegiate score.

When asked how he felt after finally scoring a collegiate touchdown, Froelich responded with a smile. "I felt relieved," he said. "It felt like it did in high school though. I just knew that I'd get there again."

Entering the week eight game against the Frostburg State Bobcats, Froelich carried an eight game 100-yard rushing streak, dating back to the final game of the 2001 campaign, in which he posted a career-best 198-yard effort against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets. The streak ended as the Bobcats held Froelich to 77 yards on 26 carries.

After the game, Froelich was more frustrated with loss.

"I'm more disappointed in the loss than that [end of the streak]. The yards will come but I like to win," Froelich said.

Paving the way for Froelich this season is a veteran crew of offensive linemen, anchored by senior center Brandon Apple, who is flanked by Aaron Detwiler, Glenn Silvidi, Philip Neel, and Rick Roden. The line's strength is bolstered by the blocking of senior tight end Nevin Baker and junior fullback Ryan Mitchell.

"Blocking for Scotty's running style is easy because we just have to stay on our blocks and let him do all the work," said senior lineman Neel.

As word of Westminster's talented tailback spreads, defenses will be game planning simply to thwart Froelich. The ground game appears to have become the identity of the Westminster Titans. With talented freshman running backs Brad Johnson and Sean Buggey in the stable, that identity seems to be a lasting one.

WC Sports briefs

Men's Soccer

The Westminster College men's soccer team saw its 2002 season come to an end Wednesday in Westerville, Ohio, as the Titans were defeated 2-0 by Otterbein College in the opening round of the 2002 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship Tournament. The loss ended the Titans' school-record 15-game winning streak and ended their campaign at 16-4-2 overall. The 16 wins set a new program record for wins in a season, topping 14-win campaigns in 2000 and 2001.

Otterbein took a 1-0 lead into halftime when Adam Rothermel scored unassisted off a deflection in the 39th minute. The Cardinals held that lead until the 81st minute, when they tallied an insurance goal by Angelo Munzo to put the game away.

Otterbein outshot Westminster 17-10 and held a 5-4 margin in corner kicks. Jeff Rust made three saves in the shutout win for the Cardinals, while Titan senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston (North Versailles/East Allegheny H.S.) stopped seven shots in the loss.

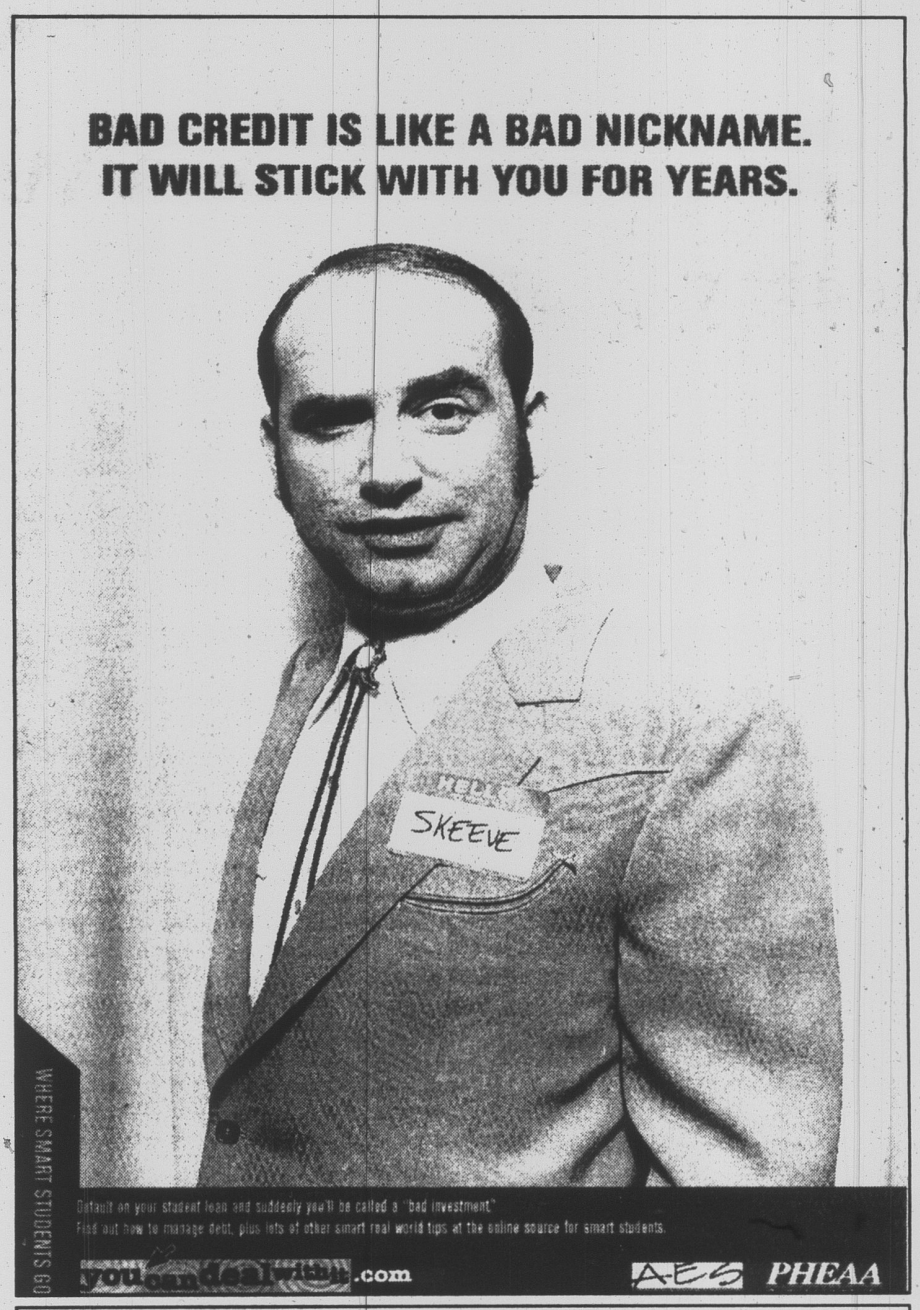
Women's Soccer

The Westminster women's soccer team improved to 16-5-2 on the season Wednesday in New Wilmington, as the Lady Titans posted a 4-1 victory over Frostburg State University (10-8-4) in a first round game of the 2002 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship Tournament. The victory improved Westminster's school-record unbeaten streak to 15 games (13-0-2). and also marked the first-ever NCAA playoff victory in women's soccer for Westminster, which is in its first season of Division III eligibility.

Westminster took command with three goals in the first 27 minutes of play. Senior forward Katie Krone (Sebastopol, CA/Analy H.S.) opened the scoring with a goal off an assist by fellow senior forward Tammy Newell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) at the 11:12 mark. Newell then scored twice, at 18:45 and 26:48, both off assists by junior midfielder Angie DePascale (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) for a 3-0 Lady Titans advantage. FSU cut the lead to 3-1 at the 28:55 mark with an unassisted goal by sophomore Karen Kotofski. After halftime, Westminster added an insurance goal by senior midfielder Ashley Tonks (Erie/Harborcreek H.S.) assisted by DePascale (her third assist of the game) at the 54:45 mark.

Lady Titan sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.) made five saves in the win, while her Bobcat counterpart, junior Stephanie Zych, made 11 stops in the loss. Westminster outshot Frostburg State 27-18 and held a 6-5 advantage in corner kicks.

The Lady Titan women's soccer team will now face defending NCAA Division III national champion Ohio Wesleyan (19-0) in an NCAA Division III Regional at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, this Saturday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m.



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

So honestly who burns a couch outside of Eich?

Why don't these kids grow up and act like adults and not babies?

Does anyone even care about these?

What 19 year old pees their pants? Who does that?

Why must stupid people insist on blaming others?

Look! It's written in chalk! Love it!

So the network is slow. Don't blame I.S., stop downloading porn.

Maybe it's trying to tell us it's hungry?

Can we get some Rant and Raves that make sense for once?

Why, when you call security, do you get put on hold not once but twice?!

Dance with us into oblivion.

It's not my fault.

Eat the sausage!

Oh yeah...and you're ugly.

Why you gotta bust my bah?

Someone needs to fix the heater outside. Its freezing!

Smoothies rock my socks.

Would you like some sodium with that?

Do you think your grandma will let me pee in her house?

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: We are not an X

In the movie The Contender, the fictional president of the United States tells a story. It goes something like this: Put two gorillas in a cage with a staircase and a bunch of bananas at the top of the stairs. Every time one gorilla goes for the food, hose both of them down with water. Now take one gorilla out and replace it with a younger one. When the youngster goes for the food, the older one will beat him because he doesn't want to get wet. Now replace the older one with another youngster. When he goes for the bananas the other one will beat him. Why? Because that's the way things have always been.

Things change. Things stay the same. The older have always seen the younger as inexperienced and unknowing. The younger have always seen the older as controlling and unknowing. And someone always points this out. And it always stays the same. And nothing changes because that's the way it has always been.

According to the books, we are living in a postmodern world where everything can be true if it fits someone's world view, but at the same time nothing is really true, not faith or science, or even history. Everything is subjective. Our life is made up of limitless choices and the choices are overwhelming.

We have grown up with wars on drugs, wars on terrorism, war in the classroom, bomb threats, metal detectors, kidnappers, child molesters, sex on TV, sex in the media, censorship, and millions of other aspects of everyday life and none of it is any different than growing up during the Great Depression, during the Great War, the Cold War, or the 60's or the 70's.

> Why? Because that's the way things have always been.

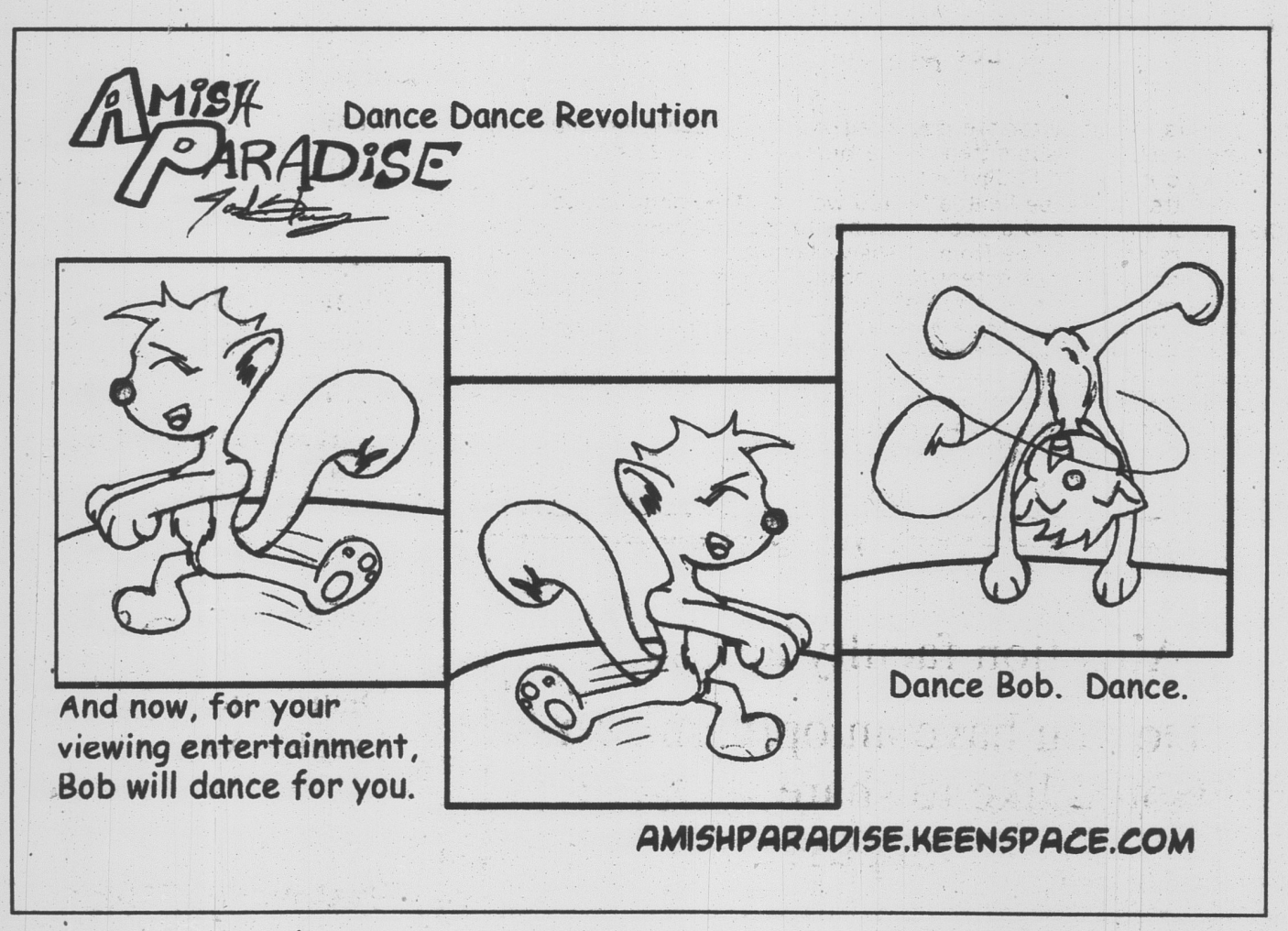
Your generation, our generation, any generation spends its time scrambling to grow up and telling anyone younger to do the same, because telling someone to "grow up" or "act your age" makes us feel all the more mature. But no one ever really grows up and no one has any idea what they are doing. We are all, every single one of us, making it up as we go along.

Generation X graduated from college while we were still in high school. Our generation has no name. It defies definition. This can be both good and bad.

One the one hand it leaves us open to numerous possibilities. To define a thing is to limit it. Without a name we are without limitations. We cannot be stuck with a stereotype like Yuppies, Hippies, or Whining Slackers. We do nothing simply because we are "generation XYZ." No one in our or any generation can be pinned down and raised up as a sacrificial example of the whole.

Without a name though, we are also without an identity. We can be anything or we can be nothing. There are large chunks of this generation that have been set adrift in the vast oceans of possibilities, but there is nothing the older generations can do to help us find our way.

We have to find it for ourselves, because the way things have always been hasn't been working out.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Here is my view. First of all I am proud of my generation. We are more then a letter, you cannot define us with an 'X'. Maybe that's it though we are too complex for them to come up with a word to label us so we have to be a letter. We are not all a bunch of lazy, whiners who sit around and wait for everyone else to do things for us. There are people who act that way, but there have been those types of people since the beginning of time. More often then not we are students taking at least twelve semester hours of classes, we have jobs, we have friends, we do community service, we do things for ourselves, and to help others while we are planning for our futures.

As for the attitudes on campus, there are always people who complain. Some of them have good points. I don't like the food here at school. However I don't complain about the fact that I don't like the food, I complain about the fact that I can't do anything about it. Here on campus we don't have the choice to not sign up for a meal plan. If we don't sign up for one they assign us the biggest one they have. I wish they gave us the choice of not getting a meal plan. As for parking, I complain because I live in Ferguson, and between Browne, Galbreath, and us there are far too few parking spots for the number of people living in these buildings. Not that there aren't spots available within walking distance, but it's the fact that we wish there were more parking closer to our buildings. When it comes to being treated like adults, I think that's not the point. We just want more freedoms. We know we are not adults yet, we are still in school, we live in dorms, and when we go home we live with our parents. We just want less strict rules. We want our friends (either sex) to be able to visit us freely. We want to feel safe, but not like our every move is being monitored.

I am proud to go to school here, I think I am getting a good education. I am also glad that the alumni from this school are so successful that they can give money to build a new campus center, and renovate buildings. It makes me feel good to know that an education from Westminster can lead to that kind of a future. However I would like to nominate dorms as the next buildings they renovate. Not that I am complaining but when compared to similar schools, our dorms are small, stuffy, and there are cracks in the walls and ceilings.

Over my four years I have learned many new things, done many new things, and met many new friends I will cherish for the rest of my life. I value all of these things, and no one can take away the experiences I have had here both good and bad.

Joy Kelewae
Non-apathetic Senior

Dear Editor,

One of the letters to the editor last week categorized me as a Gen X-er and defined my peers and I as a group practically reeking of apathy or ingratitude. Such thorough stereotyping under the heading of a convenient media-produced classification is uninformed and makes me feel as if I'm living the plot of The Breakfast Club. So allow me to respond to the accusations made, not as a representative of Generation X, but simply as Lindsay.

As I understood it, the general criticism of the letter was that Gen X-ers, specifically Westminster students, complain about aspects of college life that are not that bad. Using comments in the features section of The Holcad as a reference, people make the assumption that students expect the school to cater to any whims they might have. Though I don't know how all of the students feel, speaking for my friends and I, that's just not true.

We recognize that attending Westminster is a privilege. If it became a horrific experience for us, we would stop paying and go someplace else. Any gripes come in the form of complaints about food, parking, students being over-policed by R.A.'s and security, and about Celebrity Series. I'd like to point out that most of the complaints fall into a section of the paper called "Rant and Rave." The name implies that students can voice their frustrations without having to be eloquent or being judged. The students who make comments are speaking from personal experience. They don't necessarily represent the majority.

Also, the donating alumni aren't the only ones that help change the school for the better. Students who voice concerns (concerns that normally start out as a casual protest) work to change school policies so that they can make their college experience as pleasant as possible. In the end, college is aimed at meeting our basic living and academic needs and we justifiably have a say in what occurs at our school.

In closing: "You see us as you want to see us, in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out, is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basketcase, a princess, and a criminal." Don't label me. Not all of us fit the stereotype.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Onufer

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies with Jenna Chesky

Video Views
Jenna Chesky

So, you're stuck on mother fair's campus for the weekend with absolutely nothing to do. Seems to be commonly heard complaint. Instead of tipping cows, as they have been known to charge their tippers, pop in all those movies you've been meaning to see. Better yet, expand your horizons with a classic and marvel at how much you are entertained. What makes a classic film? That's a matter of opinion. In my opinion a classic film transcends time by using themes all people can identify with.

Now I understand not everyone has the Academy Award Best Picture films memorized, so you might need some help finding the classic film that best suits your viewing pleasure. Luckily, this film reviewer is at your rescue. Two websites can help you find film ever made. First check out The American Film Institute's www.afi.com. These are the people who brought you the 100 Best Onscreen Appearances by a Member of the Baldwin Family and other such 100 Best Film lists. Any film off their lists is a guaranteed good time. Next, the Internet Movie Database, or www.imdb.com, can find any film ever made. Seriously.

Still lost? Well, let me offer a few suggestions. Find the person who owns every movie known to man, there's one in every dorm. Ask if they have any of the following.

Instead of tipping cows, as they have been known to charge their tippers, pop in all those movies you've been meaning to see.

Best to Rent

Romance/Drama: An Affair to Remember (1957), starring Deborah Kerr and Cary Grant. Two people meet, fall in love, and remember they are attached to someone else. They break off their respective attachments and decide to meet in six months at the top of the Empire State Building. A tragic accident occurs, they are unable to rendezvous, and their future takes an uncertain turn.

Action/War: The Great Escape (1963), starring Steve McQeen, James Garner, and Richard Attenborough. Based on a true story. In 1943, the Germans opened a maximum-security prisoner-of-war camp, designed to hold even the most experienced escape artists. Now, lets think about this concept. All of the best escape artists in one place at one time with nothing to do. The finest escape artist team in military history was formed and the largest prison breakout ensues. This film contains some of the most suspenseful scenes ever filmed.

Amimated/Family: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937), directed and produced by Walt Disney. The first full-length animated feature ever made Snow White is the story of a young princess living in hiding, with seven vertically challenged men, from her evil stepmother. This film teaches such values as stranger danger, solid work ethics, and true love. Containing the memorable songs, "Some Day My Prince Will Come," "I'm Wishing," and "Hi Ho it's Off to Work We Go" Snow White is still a beloved film of young and old alike.

Westminster Orchestra shines light on campus music

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

This past Sunday afternoon, I performed in the Westminster Orchestra Concert that occurred in Orr Auditorium. Our small orchestra, consisting of only 24 string players and 14 wind players, played from a variety of music genres of the late 18th and 19th centuries. The audience was entertained with concertos, overtures, ballet music, and dances from famous composers such as Brahms, Mendelssohn, Ippolitoff-Ivanov, Boieldieu, and Gounod.

Something special about Westminster's orchestra is the fact that non-student members are included to help form a diverse symphonic group for our college atmosphere. The time and experience of these members is greatly appreciated by the student population.

Suzanne Leyden, a senior at Westminster, performed an exquisite Violin Concerto in e minor by Mendelssohn. Her practice, preparation, hard work, and dedication were clearly realized during her time to shine. If you missed the concert, Suzanne's Capstone Recital will be held next Saturday, November 23 at 4:30 p.m. in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Help support her past and future musical career and enjoy a an afternoon of stunning talent.

Thanks to Dr. Paul Chenevey's superb arrangement of musical stylings, Suzanne's solo, and the entire orchestra's involvement, the Fall Orchestra Concert was a success.

Although this year's concert is over, there are a variety of other college music groups soon to be entertaining on our campus. The Westminster Concert Choir Concert will be next Sunday, November the 24th also in the Chapel. You can even end your semester with the Honors Band Concert in Orr Auditorium on Saturday, December 14th (the last day of finals!) at 3:00 p.m.. Spring semester will be filled to the brim with musical madness starting on Sunday, January 6th with the WC Italy Choir Tour Concert and finishing up with the WC Chambers Singers Concert on Friday, April 4th in the Chapel. Don't miss out on the shows and concerts of Westminster's fantastic Music Department! Check your calendar for even more listings of upcoming events.

Greetings from Japan: Shopping, Yen, and T-Shirts

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

Sunday, I went on a shopping spree in Hirakatashi. It was actually the first real shopping spree I've been on since I arrived here. I took out a bunch of money from my food account and decided to spend it. I think I succeeded.

I took out about ¥6,000, which is roughly $50, and had to pay the ATM fee for using the ATM on a Sunday. The fee was less than a dollar, so I can't really complain all that much. Money in hand and Tavya and Kyle in tow, I set off towards Kiddyland.

Now, wait. Don't give me that look. Kiddyland isn't a toy store...well, not entirely...okay, it is, but it's an anime fan's paradise, and I was in heaven. There are racks of stuffed animals and toys and models and all sorts of other goodies. There's also an entire island in the middle of the store devoted to Japanese idol groups such as Morning Musume. Idol groups in Japan are fickle, as far as I can tell, as they cycle new girls in and out often to keep the masses happy. In the meantime, the idols get their faces plastered on everything from pencils to clocks to chopsticks.

I wandered towards the back of the store where there are shelves of jewelry and racks of clothing. I knew exactly what I wanted-schoolgirl socks. These socks are huge. The pair I bought is actually longer than my entire leg, but they are designed to pile down around the ankle, and they are very warm. They were definitely worth the ¥600 I paid for them.

We finished up in Kiddyland and then ended up in Ninomiya, an electronics/appliances store. I needed a new CD player, as my old one had suffered an explosive and acidic death. I figured I could get a cheap CD player, no more than ¥4,000. I was so very wrong. The one I ended up buying was just under ¥6,000, which I ended up charging to my credit card. I also thought that a new CD player needed new headphones, so I grabbed a pair that clip quite comfortably to my ear. They cost me under ¥1,000, thankfully. After that, I decided it was time to get out of the store before I bought anything else.

Once I gathered my comrades, we headed off towards the department store known as Vivre. Again, I had my own agenda-finding a CD I had been searching for the entire time I've been here. The first few weeks I had trouble finding anything, simply because I was still clueless about the Japanese writing system. I won't go into full detail about that now, but I will say that it's not alphabetical order whatsoever. However, I had great success in finding the CD, plus a single by the same artist, so I bought those. Together, they came to ¥4,159. Music is pretty expensive in this country, but at the same time, there are stores such as Tsutaya.

Tsutaya is subtitled "Culture Convenience Club," which I think is a nice way of saying "Let's Share All of Our Stuff." A membership costs ¥300, and this allows you to rent any of the CDs or videos in the store for up to a week. When you take your rentals up to the counter to check out, there is a huge rack right next to you selling blank CDs, minidiscs, tapes, etc...it's so wonderful in its simplicity, don't you think?

While we were wandering around Hirakatashi, we decided to step into a used clothing store. There aren't very many of them in Japan, but this type isn't rare at all. It sells used clothing from America. Inside, we found old sports t-shirts selling for ¥2,000, colored shoelaces for ¥1,000 and very used shoes for upwards of ¥3,000. It was amazing, seeing how much money Japanese teenagers would pay just to have an American t-shirt. Old school jackets went for at least ¥4,000 each, which made me wish I had brought mine from high school.

I wonder how much my old softball shirts from home would sell for here. That would almost be worth the shipping costs to find out, eh?

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Fresh Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettia Sale sponsored by the Children's Aid Society is currently going on. Wreaths and door swags range from $12-$18, while poinsettias are $7-$12. For more information, call (724) 662-4730 or Carol Smith, president at (724) 588-6203 or e-mail children@nauticom.net. This private non-profit agency has been service children and families since 1889.

Register Now for the Titan Trot, which includes a 5K run, a 5K relay, and a kid's run. Cost is $12 for the 5K race if paid by Nov. 18 and $15 Nov. 19-to race day; the 5K relay cost is $10 per team member; and the cost of the 0.3 mile run for children ages 10 and under is $5. The day of the race is Nov. 23 beginning at 10 a.m. for the 5K run, 10:30 a.m. for the 5K relay, and 10:45 a.m. for the kid's run. Donations will also be accepted. All pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt, and everyone is invited to a post-race party with food, drink and music. For more information, contact the Rev. Steve Allen at (724) 946-7116 or e-mail allensm@westminster.edu.

Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

There will be a Food Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30am in the dining hall. If you have concerns about the food service, food quality, or anything else that has to do with the dining hall, come to the meeting or contact Julie Lechner.

SGA spirit day is this Saturday! It is the last football game of the season – versus Waynesburg. It's also senior recognition day. Come to the game with your face painted, wear blue and white, do anything that you can to show your spirit. The most spirited people will win prizes from the bookstore.

The annual College Bowl is going to take place Saturday, December 7th. Sign up Monday, November 18th through Tuesday, November 26th during lunch and dinner. Or you can send an email to sga@westminster.edu with your team name, captain, and team members. Teams have to consist of four people with one alternate. There will be monetary prizes of $300 for 1st place, $200 for 2nd place, $100 for 3rd place, and $50 for 4th place.

There will be an email sent out soon about Tony and Tina's Wedding. You will have three days to look over the email, and then Carolee Reed will start taking reservations and money in her mailbox at 11:30am on Monday.

Look for SGA members passing out hot chocolate, coffee, tea, power bars and much more at the Titan Trot this Saturday at 10:30am.

There are two vacancies in the senate for seniors. If you are a senior and interested in being in SGA, please email sga@westminster.edu or come to the meeting next Wednesday.

Finally, as always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm in Philips Lecture hall. Also, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email sga@westminster.edu.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 15

Honors Chorus – Orr Auditorium
11:40 am Chapel
4:00 pm Allies Meeting — TC 315
5:30 pm Murder Mystery Dinner – Russell Dining Room
6:00 pm M&W Swimming vs. Ashland (H)
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster: Crazy for You – Beeghly Theater
Prospective Students' Overnight

SATURDAY 16

CAMPUS VISITATION DAY
Kappa Delta Philanthropy Day
Intramurals Event: Volleyball Tournament
1:00 pm Football vs. Waynesburg (H)
7:00 pm Mass
7:30 pm Theatre Westminster: Crazy for You – Beeghly Theater
Honors Chorus Concert – Orr Auditorium
Night Owl Bowling @ Thornton Lanes, Sharon
Meet at 11:30 in front of Old 77; $2.00 Fee

SUNDAY 17

2:30 pm Theatre Westminster: Crazy for You – Beeghly Theater
6:15 pm IFC Meeting
7:00 pm Vespers
8:15 pm Rotaract Club — TC 315
8:30 pm Alpha Phi Omega Meeting — PH 311
9:00 pm Movie

MONDAY 18

11:40 am Chapel
5:15 pm Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
9:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting – Down Under

TUESDAY 19

Honors Band Auditions – Orr Auditorium
5:00 pm Psychology Club Meeting — HSC 150
5:15 pm Rotaract Club — PH 114
5:30 pm SAA Meeting
7:00 pm International Film Festival: The Fourth Man
(Netherlands, 1983) — Down Under
8:00 pm Kappa Delta Recruitment Party – Chapter Suite

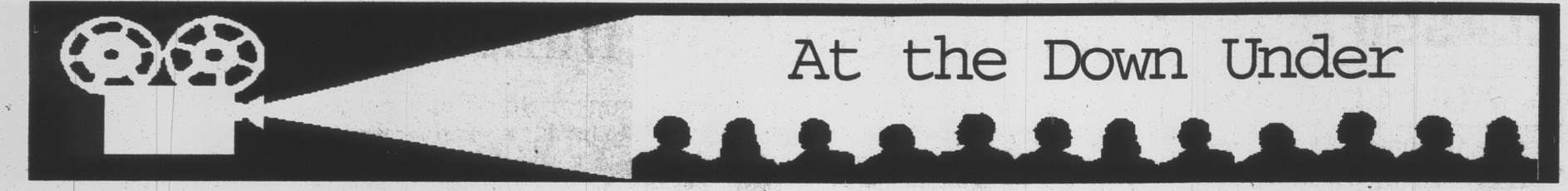
WEDNESDAY 20

Application Deadline for Racquetball Tournament, an Intramurals Event (Apply in Field House)
11:30 am Faculty Forum: Andrea Grove, "Leaders' Problem Representation and Conflict Dynamics in Northern Ireland and the Middle East: Domestic Political Processes with International Impact — PH 311
4:00 pm Last Lecture Series: Joyce Hoellein — Down Under
4:30 pm Children's Literature Group — TC 315
This Month's Selection: The Door in the Wall by Marguerite DeAngeli
7:00 pm SGA Meeting – Phillips Lecture Hall
8:00 pm Outdoor and Conservation Club Meeting – HSC 369
9:30 pm Seekers Fellowship – Down Under

THURSDAY 21

4:00 pm Math and Computer Science Colloquium – HSC 152
6:00 pm Circle K Meeting — PH 231
7:30 pm Gospel Choir – Chapel
8:00 pm Zeta Tau Alpha Recruitment Party – Ferguson Lobby
9:00 pm Stargazing (weather permitting) — Hoyt Science Center

At the Down Under



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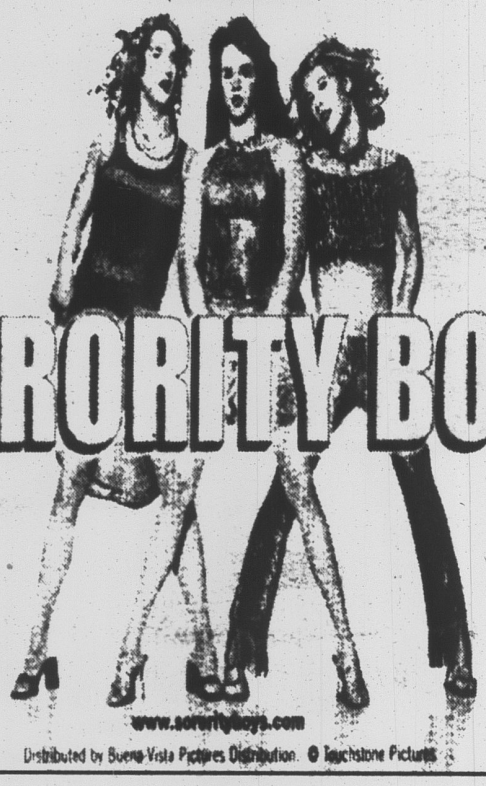

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Friday & Saturday at 8:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 pm

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

The Giving Tree is going up!

Be sure to get a name off of the tree located in Galbreath lobby and buy a gift for a special child.

Bring your gift to Christmas vespers or to the chapel office by December 8th.

Don't forget to sign the sign up sheet located by the tree.

Thank you for all your help!!

Friday:
Murder Mystery Dinner

Russell Dining Hall at 5:30

Saturday:
Night Owl Bowling

Meet at Old 77 at 11:30 pm

Coming Soon

November 22: JT's Cafe from 11:00 till 2:00 am
November 23: Rocky Horror Picture Show at 11:30 pm
(Cast Members Needed, contact Amanda Kovacic ext 6966)
December 6: Darts Tournament at 8:00 pm
December 6: JT's Cafe from 11:00 till 2:00 am
December 7: College Bowl
December 7: Rocky Horror Picture Show at 11:30 pm

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ACLU speaks out against Patriot Act

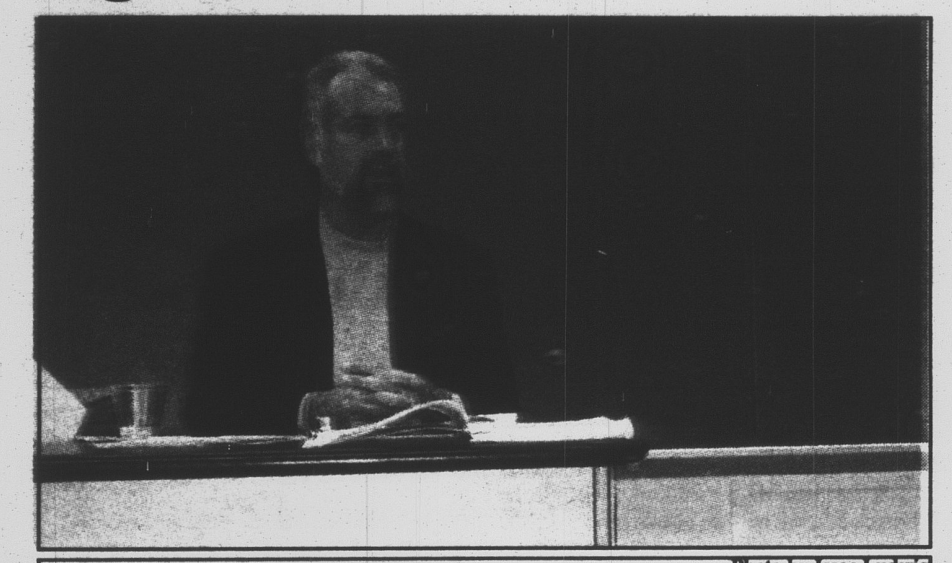

Photo by Issac Ludwig

by Issac Ludwig
Staff Writer

On Nov. 14, American Civil Liberties Union trial lawyer Robert Jennings spoke to a group of students as part of the Peace Studies Program's lecture series.

The main objective of his presentation was to inform students about the U.S. Patriot Act and how it pertains to us, as citizens of the United States. He also encouraged students to be active in their government and to listen to all viewpoints, so they can formulate their own informed opinions.

Sophomore ACLU and Green Party member Sarah Kramer was very pleased with Jennings' presentation. "I was really happy to see ACLU represented on this campus. The speaker sparked some great conversations and it was good to hear many different viewpoints on the issues represented," she said.

Jennings' presentation mostly focused on the ACLU's viewpoints in relation to the Patriot Act and how it correlates with the U.S. Constitution.

"There are the things that are enshrined in the Constitution and in constitutional law, such as due process, and every single one of them has been thrown out the window, either to a limited or to a broad extent by the U.S. Patriot act," said Jennings.

"The Constitution prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures under the Fourth Amendment. That means you can't be searched, you can't be

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Campus crazy for musical theater

by Melissa Logan
Staff Writer

As the curtain opened, the Zangler Theatre lights greeted the audience and welcomed them to Theatre Westminster's first production of the school year, the award-winning "Crazy for You." The high-energy musical, written by George and Ira Gershwin, begins with a backstage scene at the Zangler Theatre in New York City during the 1930s.

"The musical was different than all the other plays that Beeghley puts on," said junior Matt Nelson, sound designer. "Several different campus departments including music, dance, and theater, who normally don't interact at Westminster combined their efforts to produce a show for the community."

In the first act, the Impresario Bela Zangler, played by junior Andrew Houston, is trying to win the affection of his dance director, played by junior Kristen Kulick. Bobby Childs, heir to a wealthy banking family, yearns to be in show business. Junior Benjamin Abel plays the character of Bobby and persuades Zangler to let him audition for a role in the next production.

"The musical was a trying experience," said Huston. "Many of us got stressed out. But things came together in the end for a rewarding production. I think that people really enjoyed it and that's what it's all about."

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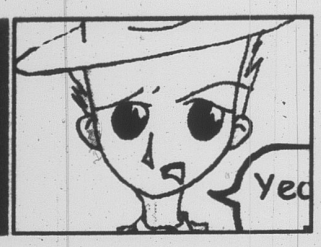

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CAMPUS NEWS

Holocaust survivor speaks of bravery in face of war

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

On Monday, Nov. 11, large men in camouflage, college professors, war veterans and students all gathered in reverent awe to hear a small, gray haired woman speak at the front of Orr Auditorium. Her name was Mary Sigillo Barraco, and in her sloping Belgian accent and smooth manner she captured the audience's attention with tales of prison camps, torture, sabotage, and execution.

Barraco's WWII experiences began when her mother, uncle, and 13-year-old brother were captured by the Gestapo. As a teenager, Barraco became heavily involved in resistance activities such as weapon transport, the rescue of British and Canadian airmen, sabotage, and the creation of underground publications. She would often gain entry into POW camps to help prisoners escape.

Eventually, she and her fiancé were sold to the Nazis by a Belgium traitor who received only 750 Franks (or 12 dollars) for information concerning the couple. At the age of 19, Barraco began her time as a prisoner, and she would eventually experience four prison camps and finally one concentration camp. Her 21-year-old fiancé, however, was executed shortly after his capture.

Barraco related tales of the violence and interrogation she witnessed and experienced. As a college aged student, she often waited in a cell listening to Gestapo torture occurring in the room above her, and knowing she would be the next to be questioned and beaten. She was finally released in Christmas of 1943, and she resumed her resistanee fighting activities. At the end of the war, she was honored and decorated by Prince Charles of Belgium.

In light of current political events in our country, Baracco's message was particularly potent. She related to her audience the pain, sadness, hope, and wisdom she had accumulated through her years of resistance fighting, and she reminded her listeners of the humanness of war. By the end of her speech, rather than rally a war cry, she offered this advice to the still hushed auditorium: "Be ever vigilant and embrace knowledge, reason, and understanding."

Contributed Photo
Mary Sigillo Barraco

Near the end of the program the Westminster Concert Choir and the Westminster College Band both offered evocative performances. The presentation was concluded when the PA National Guard retired the colors, and President Williamson presented Barraco with a plaque.

Ice hockey team looks forward to new season

by Brittany Jardine
Staff Writer

The puck does not stop here for the Westminster Ice Hockey Team; it is just starting.

Students Todd Lepovsky, Shawn Mort, Ryan Mensch, and Mike Newland started the team two years ago.

During its first season, the team did not have much playing time and had difficulty attracting members. This season, Newland, team captain and president, believes the team is playing at another level. "Last year we played about fifteen games and had about fifteen practices," said Newland. "It was funded out of our own pockets, which really showed the interest of the players because of the high cost of hockey."

The players' interest is paying off. The team has practices on Wednesdays and Sundays. They also play regularly scheduled games against local adult teams, and teams in the Boardman area. They are coached by Skip Mackall and assisted by student Ryan Mensch.

The team's record is 1-7-1, which is something the team isn't focused on right now. "We want to be seen as a more competitive team, so we would like to improve our playing skills to play together as a team," said Lepovsky. "It's very difficult to get people that have been playing all their lives to adjust to playing with new people," he said.

The team is looking forward to accepting new challenges throughout the upcoming seasons. By the end of the year, the team hopes to get in contact with the Western Pennsylvania College Hockey Association. Joining the league would enable them to play with teams like Slippery Rock, Edinboro and Washington and Jefferson.

"I would like our team to get on the ice as much as possible together to help us improve overall as a team," Newland said. "I'm looking forward to expanding our talent as players so we can develop into a more competitive team to make an impact in the WPCHA."

"I think the team is good for Westminster," Lepovsky said. "We have a lot of fun on the ice and I think it would be even better if more fans came out to cheer us on, and take it seriously."

The Titans will be back in action Dec. 8 at 8:45 p.m. at Hess Ice Rink. For more information about the hockey team, visit their website at http://members.tripod.com/michaelnewland/wchockey.html

Down Under schedule open to future changes

by Melissa Batulis
Staff Writer

Students have been in a situation at least once in which they have a big test the next day and their room is far from a learning friendly environment. Instead of sticking around and eventually needing some roommate mediation, one decides to study elsewhere...but where?

Since the campus center construction project began, students have been at a loss for a place to go, especially now that the TUB is no longer a viable library study alternative. Last year the management of the Down Under recognized this need and attempted to fill it with late night study hours.

They opened the doors every Monday and Thursday night from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. This year they have continued with the schedule. Jason Alcorn, co-general manager of the Down Under, says that the study hours will continue in the spring semester as well. "At this point there has not been any talk about extending the study hours next semester," Alcorn said. "However, if there is enough student interest we could pursue that idea further."

Students like Russ Mills, a sophomore, appreciate the alternative study spot. "It's a nice relaxed atmosphere," remarked Mills. "It gives us a quieter place to study until the new campus center is finished."

Alcorn explained that although students choose to take advantage of the late nights at the Down Under, he and the other managers have not received enough feedback to add more days. On top of that, the Down Under has a rather booked schedule. Tuesdays are reserved for Foreign Films and weeknight movies, another recent addition to the schedule. On Wednesdays, the campus Christian group, Seekers, meets there and JT's café holds a standing reservation on Friday night.

Although the schedule appears full, Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, is still open to ideas. Like Alcorn, she is looking for some suggestions. "We do weekend events (entertainment) in the Down Under," she explained. "Weeknights have been reserved for student organizations. We have the late nights and tried movies during the week. We still do those events. Students just need to let us know what they want."

New computer lab hours for spring semester

by Cortney DiVito
Staff Writer

Along with new class schedules, new activities and a new campus center, students can also expect new computer lab hours next semester.

Microcomputer Lab Manager, T. Lynn Fox anticipates new computer lab hours for the spring semester. There are several factors that determine computer lab hours. These factors, according to Fox, include, "courses that need to be taught in a computer lab, the student needs, which are based on utilization records, the availability of student workers and the operating costs."

Fox does not foresee any problems regarding the new hours.

"When the lab hours are reduced at the very beginning of the semester, the few students affected by the change will be able to adjust their scheduled lab time without much difficulty," Fox said. He requests that any student having questions or suggestions can contact him at lfox@westminster.edu.

"I'm a little concerned that if my computer breaks down and I have a huge project due, that the lab won't be open, but there are always other options; I could use my roommate's computer, or another friends," junior Erin Halpin said.

Earlier this semester an e-mail was sent to the campus community regarding computer lab changes for this semester. However, these changes are no longer in effect for several reasons.

According to Fox, several students informed him that the reduction of lab hours in such short notice combined with all their responsibilities would make it difficult for them to complete their assignments on time. In addition to student complaints, Fox realized that the new hours would go into effect too close to Thanksgiving break and finals week.

"Maybe shortened lab hours would actually encourage me not to wait until the last minute to work on a project just in case I had a problem with my computer," junior Mike Farner said.

The last major change regarding computer labs occurred many years ago when few students had personal computers. The college decided to decrease the amount of classes using computers to create more computer access for the students.

Recently, computers on campus have become more accessible because of the new graphics computer lab addition in Thompson Clark Hall.

Before heading out to the labs next semester, make sure they are open. Students can access the computer lab schedule by going to Http://www.westminster.edu/Computing/labs/index.html. Lab schedules are also posted outside of each computer lab.

Students share ideas for future campus improvement

by Robert E. Lyles
Staff Writer

When the construction of the new student union building is complete and Old Main renovations become the next major project, a question remains. Are there any changes planned for the future?

Students have some ideas of what they would like to see done.

The availability of parking spaces is always a common issue among students. Junior Mike Schnetz feels parking is a problem that needs to be soon addressed. "The school definitely has to provide more parking spaces," said junior Mike Schnetz. "It seems as though the college sells more parking permits than there are a actual number of spaces. It's a double whammy because you can't find a parking space and you get a parking ticket when you park anywhere else."

"Parking is a major problem, especially at Eichenhauer," said sophomore Russ Mills.

Students also brought up their desire for air conditioning, since Thompson Clark and Hoyt are the only two buildings on campus with this asset. "It's extremely hot in Galbreath Hall," said sophomore Elizabeth Silvus.

"Old Main needs air conditioning," said first-year student Eric Cortez.

Not only would the students like to have air-conditioned facilities, they also would like the luxury of having newer furniture in the libraries and dorms and a broader selection of recreational conveniences. "We want new beds in the dorms," said senior Diana Wells.

"The library needs new furniture," said first-year student Chris Groubert.

"I would like to see more ping pong tables and pool tables in the dorms," said first-year student Ben Libert.

One student proposed a change in the library hours. "The library should be open late," said junior Nikki Potocnak. "I like to study past midnight."

Safety is also a concern. Though students enjoy the conveniences of call boxes, there were complaints about some of them not working correctly. "The call box on Patterson doesn't work," said senior Amanda Pinkney. "And when I need to get in Hoyt to take care of the Iguana, I have to use my cell phone to call security. It's very annoying and dangerous."

"They should fix the call boxes. I can't ever call my girlfriend when I'm out," said first-year student Kurtis Gills.

Students would like to see changes made to the fitness facilities as well. "The basketball court needs improvement and there isn't enough room in the gymnasium," said senior Garry Gates.

"The gym is not open on Fridays. I'd like to play hoops," said Schnetz.

"We need more intramurals," said Libert.

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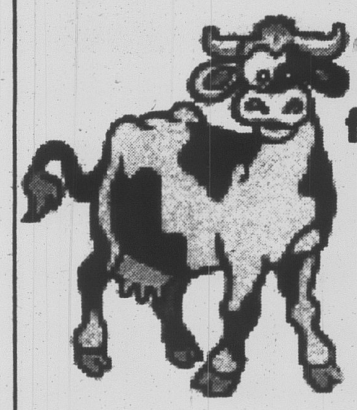

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The act continues as Bobby heads to Deadrock, NV to foreclose on a property. While there, Bobby falls in love with Polly Baker, played by junior Sara Kimbell, the only woman in the town.

" 'Crazy For You' was a crazy experience," said Kimbell. "I had never put on tap shoes before the show, but as soon as I started learning the steps, I couldn't stop moving my feet."

Baker likewise falls in love with Bobby and sings the familiar "Someone to Watch Over Me." Baker does not know that he has been sent to foreclose on the Gaiety Theater, owned by her father.

Bobby gets the idea that to save the theater from foreclosure, the members of the town should produce a show. Once Polly realizes that the bank has sent Bobby, she rejects his love. To win her back, Bobby disguises himself as Bela Zangler.

"This was the most demanding role I have ever done. I was either onstage or changing to get ready to go back onstage for the next scene," Abel said.

Bobby, dressed as Zangler, persuades the town's people to produce the show. The Follies Girls from Zangler's Theatre arrive in town at the amazement of the cowboys. Together, the two groups entertain with numerous song and dance numbers.

Sophomore cowboy Brent Rodgers said, "I had such a great time being a part of the musical. When you get into theater, it becomes a part of your life that is irresistible."

Polly, won by Zangler's ambition, falls in love with the pseudo-Zangler. While rehearsing for the show, Polly sings "I've Got Rhythm," while the cast practices their routine. However, the show is a flop and to make matters worse, the real Zangler comes to Deadrock.

"Sara Kimbell has a Cinderella-like voice," junior Emily Stall said. "Plus, she looked real cute in overalls."

Later in the production, the real Zangler agrees to save the theatre by producing the show. When Polly realizes that Bobby was an imposter, she becomes upset and flees the stage. When the cast of the production votes to not continue with the show, Bobby leaves for New York, leaving Polly heartbroken.

While in New York, Bobby's mother forecloses on the Zangler Theatre. Remembering Polly and yearning of her love, Bobby returns to Deadrock. There, the show was produced and became a success.

The production ends with a flood of love. The Gaiety Theatre's neighboring saloon owner, played by senior Christopher Nave marries Bobby's ex-fiancé, played by senior Ashleigh Oram. Polly, realizing that she misses Bobby goes to New York City.

However, Bobby has already arrived in Deadrock with his mother, played by freshman Catie Holder who falls in love with Polly's father, played by sophomore Richard Marmura. Happily ever after comes when Polly unexpectedly reappears and runs into Bobby's arms where they dance into the finale.

"I had a wonderful time doing this production," said Follie Girl Tara Timpano. "It was wonderful working with such a talented community of singers and dancers."

Abel said, "Since I had just a great time with the production, I will miss practice very much. I do have time for video games now, though. That's nice."

Rodgers encourages other students to join the productions. "The cast made the experience so fun and enjoyable. I look forward to future shows here at Westminster and hope to see new faces at auditions."

Theatre Westminster's next production will be "Detective Story" by Stuart Sheeley.

photo by Aly Karg

Student Affairs researches possibility of campus apartments

by Kristen Nicklin
Staff Writer

Dean Edman and President Williamson have been discussing the concept of apartment-style housing for Westminster students. They are realizing that today's college student desires a more independent living environment as opposed to dormitory living.

Many small liberal arts colleges are building townhouses on their college campuses. Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. has 14 townhouses for its students. College Misericordia located in Dallas, Pennsylvania has townhouses on campus available to fourth and fifth year students. The townhouses contain three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a common living room and a full kitchen. They house five to six students.

Dean Edman and President Williamson asked Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Molly Burnett, to research the construction of college student apartments. Her research involved contacting schools that have recently built student apartments and going to visit them.

Burnett got opinions from students living in the apartments and also from architects and representatives from firms that design and build student apartments. Burnett then contacted student housing industry associations to request information. When she concluded her research, she had the basic information she needed on issues regarding building costs, apartment styles, student safety, staffing, potential locations and pricing.

Since Burnett completed her research, there has been some discussion about whether or not Westminster should go ahead with this project. The college has not committed to an official time-line on the project yet.

"We want to make sure that we are fully ready and armed with the right information before we can begin. There are many schools that made mistakes in the process. We want to learn from these experiences and ensure this project is done right. After all, anything we build will be here forever," Burnett said.

Campus community prepares for Thanksgiving

by Stacey Babyak
Staff Writer

As the leaves change, the air turns brisk, and November slowly comes to a close, faculty and students begin to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 28.

Traditionally, Thanksgiving falls on the third Thursday of November each year. This holiday is a time for families to come together and share a feast of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Members of the campus community share their memories of Thanksgiving, both traditionally and untraditionally.

Most people celebrate the holiday with family members gathered around a dinner table.

"We always spend thanksgiving with my dad's side of the family at my grandma's house, eat gluttonous amounts of turkey, and then fall asleep in the living room while watching football," said junior speech communications major John Libert.

"I travel to Pittsburgh to see my family. There are over 25 people in attendance, so there is a lot of food," said junior public relations major Dave DiDesiderio. "Many trays of hors d'oeuvres are arranged and the eating begins."

Students who do not enjoy turkey on Thanksgiving enjoy non-traditional meals, while still preserving the significance of the holiday.

"I'm not a big fan of turkey, so my favorite part of the day is when my grandparents come to my house for brunch," said junior elementary education major Kelly Hope. "Then we go to my other grandmother's house for a big Thanksgiving dinner."

"Instead of the traditional turkey we get a 'turdunceon' which is a chicken, inside a duck, inside a turkey, then we have the 'normal fixings' to keep everyone happy," said junior public relations major Cortney DiVito.

In the spirit of the holiday season, people give thanks to having their family come together and build traditions that will continue over the years.

"I come from a large family, seven kids, so an important part of our Thanksgiving tradition is all of us getting together at Mom's house in Indiana," said public relations professor Suzanne Prestien. "At some point on Turkey Day, usually after dinner, we have a food fight, until Mom puts a stop to it. Then we all help clean up."

"Thanksgiving is something that my cousins and I look forward to, especially now because we are all in college, and this is just one of the few times during the year that we all get to spend time together," said junior education major Ellie Wells.

Then there are those on campus who have special memories of Thanksgiving that they always fondly look back on.

"In 1997, I met my older sister and her family at Disney World for Thanksgiving," said Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs. "I had not had a Thanksgiving with them since I moved north in 1988. We had such fun because of the place, and also because of the time we spent together as a family. I still smile when I think about it."

"There were sometime hairs in the mashed potatoes and more dark meat than white meat, but over all the food was not too bad," said junior English major Kate Sweeney. "After the meal, I would be pressured into entertaining my spoiled and ego-driven third cousin, as my step-grandma's poodle, Ally Rose, tried to maul me. My cousin Bob screams profanities at the football game. My dad and brother sit petrified on the couch under the assumption that if they don't move, they won't get hurt, or offered a beer."

Hydroseeding is more than just "green stuff"

by Michael Farner
Staff Writer

Eww...What is that?

So many questions, complaints and disgusts have arisen about the spray-on grass that the college has grown so fond of. In the turf and lawn industry, this isn't just "green stuff." It is called hydroseeding.

"Who cares what it is, as long as the grass grows over all of this mud," sophomore Chuch Ivanac said.

Hydroseeding is a relatively new concept, mainly designed for planting grass on hills or areas with a lot of erosion. Hydroseeding is a mixture of grass seed, fertilizer, glue and green wood particles. Once this is all mixed together and sprayed on the designated surface, the mixture will form into a crust-like blanket over the ground. This crust protects the seeds from erosion.

More importantly, the seeds are in constant contact with water and fertilizer, which will help them grow fast and be healthy. The availability of water is created by the wood particles in the mixture. A hydroseeded area usually produces a good stand of grass in about 2-3 weeks.

"Hydroseeding is a very labor efficient way to grow grass. It gives the seed bed a better shot for survival," an anonymous physical plant employee said.

Because it is more labor efficient, many private and commercial firms are choosing this method. After the mixture is sprayed on the ground, it requires little or no attention.

Hydroseeding can also be sprayed over existing lawns. The mixture is just sprayed over the designated grassy area to fill in the bare spots and to make the rest of the grass healthier. Hydroseeding can be used year long unless there is snow present on the ground.

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frisked, you can't be searched, the interior of you car can't be searched, your house can't be searched, your private affairs can't be searched, namely; your bank account, your educational records, your medical records, other personal records, in an unreasonable way," Jennings said.

"And, the way that our system has regulated that, was to say that if the government is going to do a search, it has to go to a judge and get a warrant issued upon probable cause that some fruit of criminal activity will result from the search."

Jennings went on to describe how the Patriot Act diminished this basic right and how it could affect us, especially as college students.

"Historically, federal authorities could not get access to library records, bookstore purchases or video rentals without getting a warrant and having some probable cause to convince a judge that there might be some criminal activity afoot. That meant we could buy books, borrow books, we could see a video and nobody was looking over our shoulder," said Jennings.

"That's all changed. Nowadays you don't have to have probable cause and you don't have to get a formal warrant, in the normal sense. If the FBI says they're investigating some possible terrorist activity, the records have to be coughed up by the library or the bookstore. And, they are forbidden from notifying their customers that their records have been sought and obtained."

That part of the U.S. Patriot alone, he went on to say, should be enough to make any citizen a little uneasy.

The U.S. Patriot Act only took five weeks to pass through the House, and the Senate passed it 98 to 1. Russ Fiengold from Wisconsin was the only Senator who voted against it. The house voted for it 367 to 66. William Coyne was the only congressman from the state of Pennsylvania who voted against it.

On Nov. 18, the Reuters newswire reported that a three-judge appeals court panel approved the Patriot Act and thus gave the government the right to expanded powers. This ruling overturned a May opinion by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

Reuters went on to state that, "The ruling was a blow to civil libertarians who say the expanded powers, which allow greater leeway in conducting electronic surveillance and in using information obtained from the wiretaps and searches, jeopardize constitutional rights."

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Your Student Government Association

by Erika Hink
Contributing Writer

Here's what's going on this week with your SGA:

The Food Advisory Committee met this week and discussed many things. On Saturday, December 14th, only the snack bar will be open. The dining hall will close on the 13th. Look for Cram Jam December 11th, and a Williamsburg Christmas December 12th. They are looking into getting a cappuccino machine for the dining hall and they want to have soft pretzels and chicken nuggets offered all the time in the new campus center. Finally, they are looking into extending the meal exchange time in the TUB to 10pm.

Julie Lechner is in the process of contacting Familiar 48 to be this year's Mardi Gras band. If she doesn't receive information on them, she will move to the second choice of Flickerstick.

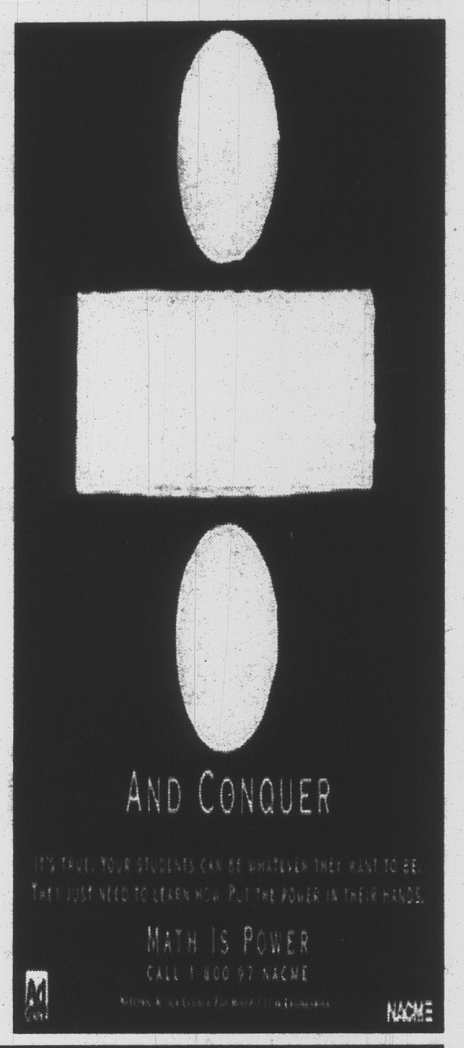
The annual trivia tournament - College Bowl is going to take place Saturday, December 7th. Sign up now through Tuesday, November 26th during lunch and dinner. Or you can send an email to sga@westminster.edu with your team name, captain, and team members. Teams have to consist of five people including your team captain and one alternate. There will be monetary prizes of $300 for 1st place, $200 for 2nd place, $100 for 3rd place, and $50 for 4th place. This competition is single elimination and the start time will depend on how many teams sign up.

Look for SGA members passing out hot chocolate, coffee, tea, power bars and much more at the Titan Trot this Saturday at 10:30am.

There are two vacancies in the senate for seniors. If you are a senior and interested in being in SGA, please email sga@westminster.edu or come to the meeting next Wednesday.

The library will soon be getting new furniture thanks to SGA! We will be purchasing a sofa and six large chairs for a more comfortable study area!

Finally, as always, the weekly SGA meetings are open to the entire campus community. Join us Wednesday nights at 7pm in Philips Lecture hall. Also, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please email sga@westminster.edu.



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Priest defrocked by Pope John Paul II

PITTSBURGH (AP) A priest who was accused but never convicted of child molestation has been defrocked by Pope John Paul II for disobeying orders to not serve as a priest in public.

Anthony Cipolla, 59, is in Rome to meet with a canon lawyer to discuss appealing the Pope's order to "laicize" him and could not immediately be reached Saturday. The Vatican decree states that "the penalty is unappealable," said the Rev. Ronald Lengwin, spokesman for the Pittsburgh diocese.

"I have never encountered anything like this," Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl said. "There is sufficient evidence to indicate [Cipolla] doesn't seem to understand the seriousness of all of this."

It was not clear when Cipolla was defrocked, but church officials told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for its Saturday editions that it happened recently.

Cipolla has repeatedly denied various molestation charges against him, which first surfaced in 1978. One of his accusers sued in 1988, and the Pittsburgh diocese settled the case in 1993.

Cipolla's brother, Vincent Cipolla of Aliquippa, defended him.

"When he was little, he would play priest. Any money he got for birthdays, he would send to orphanages. Bishop Wuerl is like a dictator. He has a grudge against my brother," Vincent Cipolla said.

Wuerl has been battling to discipline Anthony Cipolla since becoming bishop in 1988.

Cipolla was ordained in 1972 and charged in 1978 with molesting a 9-year-old boy who went to his rectory for first Communion instruction. The boy's mother later dropped the charges, saying she was pressured by church officials.

Another man, Tim Bendig, 33, sued in 1988, claiming that Cipolla began molesting him when he was 12. He said the abuse continued until he was 17.

The diocese settled that case over Cipolla's objections in 1993, five years after Wuerl had removed him from public ministry, but allowed him to remain a priest.

Cipolla has not had an official priestly assignment since, church officials said. In 1991, Cipolla appealed his removal from public ministry to the Vatican, which ordered him reinstated in 1993.

Wuerl refused to comply with the Vatican's order and returned to Rome with Cipolla's file, including the 1978 police arrest report. In 1995, the Vatican reversed itself and Cipolla was again officially barred from public ministry.

Wuerl petitioned the Vatican in May asking the Pope to laicize Cipolla, meaning he could no longer celebrate Mass or receive financial support from the diocese.

Wuerl said the final straw was a report that Cipolla was recognized while trying to celebrate Mass at a church in Rome, although diocesan officials said Cipolla repeatedly served publicly as a priest in violation of the 1995 ban.

Cipolla led a pilgrimage to Bosnia in 1995. Since 1998 he served as a chaplain on a Catholic cruise ship, led pilgrimages to Spain and Venezuela, said Mass in St. Louis, and held a retreat in Detroit, Lengwin said.

Economic growth encouraged around Pittsburgh airport

IMPERIAL, Pa. (AP) Three western Pennsylvania counties said they will pool resources to encourage economic development around Pittsburgh's airport, about 10 miles west of the city.

Representatives from Allegheny, Beaver and Washington have formed a new group, the Tri-County Airport Partnership, to address issues that have stymied the area's growth, like a lack of water and sewer lines and delays in road projects.

"I think by us working together, we will be able to accomplish more than us working apart," said John Bevec, chairman of the Washington County commissioners. "We want to make sure there are jobs for people in all three counties."

A real estate company has said there are 762 acres around the airport that could be developed within the next two years if officials can raise the tens of millions of dollars needed for site preparation.

Doctor fakes own kidnapping, arrested in local park

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) An Arizona doctor known for faking his own kidnapping earlier this year was arrested Saturday in a Pennsylvania park some two weeks after he disappeared for a second time.

Carefree pediatrician Mark Salerno was taken into custody at the Jennings Nature Reserve about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh after someone living near the area called authorities.

The Pennsylvania State Police and other law enforcement agencies had been searching for the 45-year-old doctor using helicopters and dogs since his car was found Friday at nearby Moraine State Park.

Salerno was being held Saturday night in the Butler County Jail awaiting extradition back to Phoenix.

Known for faking his own kidnapping in May, Salerno missed a scheduled meeting with his parole officer last week and has not been seen since Oct. 31, authorities said.

In September, Salerno was sentenced to three years probation for the unlawful use of a means of transportation.

While awaiting trial in May, Salerno disappeared for three days.

He was found locked in California - in the truck of his car at a San Diego park - and later admitted to faking his own kidnapping.

Regional Briefs

State investigates deaths of two nursing home residents

DOVER, Pa. (AP) The state attorney general's office is investigating the deaths of two elderly residents at an assisted living center in York County.

Harry Seiple, 74, walked away from the Duke Assisted Living Residence in Dover Township on Oct. 5, and was missing for a month before his body was found in a wooded area nearby on Nov. 6.

Daniel Faust, 70, died Sept. 17 at York Hospital from complications from a broken hip. York County Deputy Coroner Mary Breighner said her office is trying to determine whether Faust got prompt medical attention after he fell.

The facility's owner, Ese Duke, said he was confident his staff will be vindicated.

He said Faust showed no signs of being seriously injured after he fell. Staff called 911 two days later after noticing a bruise on his hip.

Duke said his staff reported Seiple missing immediately, then checked daily with police for updates.

"We told them he liked to be in the woods. We went to the woods and screamed out his name: 'Harry! Harry!' But we didn't hear anything," he said.

Duke said that the center allows residents to leave if they choose, as long as they are home by 9 p.m.

Department of Public Welfare spokeswoman Stacey Ward said her department's records indicate the facility "followed all procedures" when Seiple vanished, including notifying police and the welfare department.

Local drug ring investigation leads to 18 arrests

HONESDALE, Pa. (AP) A 14-month investigation into a drug ring that operated mostly out of a gated community in Wayne County has led to 18 arrests, the district attorney said.

District Attorney Mark Zimmer said undercover officers bought crack cocaine, heroin, Ecstasy, cocaine, OxyContin, Percocet and marijuana from several dealers over the course of the investigation. Most of the dealers were based in The Hideout, a gated community near Hamlin, he said.

"This is one of those places that I couldn't get into if I tried, unless someone who lived there was with me," Zimmer said. "The drug dealers felt like that protected them, but it didn't."

Officials have issued warrants to arrest 52 people; 16 adults and two juveniles were arrested Saturday. Zimmer said he expects more arrests soon.

Air traffic control system in Philadelphia airport switched

PHILADELPHIA (AP) In its first test at a major airport, a new air traffic control system that has been criticized by some as unreliable was switched on Sunday at Philadelphia International Airport.

The Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System, or STARS, was activated at 5:50 a.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said.

"Everything has been going smoothly," FAA spokeswoman Arlene Salac said.

The $1.3 billion system, which was already in eight airports, is to go into 74 in all. It has color monitors, rather than monochrome, and allows controllers to see weather maps. It can also be upgraded more easily than the old system.

However, critics say it doesn't always give a reliable picture. In limited tests at El Paso, Texas, air traffic controllers said the system was unable to distinguish between planes on a runway and trucks on a nearby highway.

It also has been criticized by the General Accounting Office, the Transportation Department inspector general and the union representing FAA employees who certify and maintain equipment.

"With any new system, there could be some anomalies," Salac said. "We expect them, and we will fix them.

NATIONAL

Hungry bats are secret weapon in battling mosquito problem

NEW MILFORD, N.J. (AP)

Look out, mosquitoes.

The New Milford Environmental Commission has put up wooden boxes along the Hackensack River to hold and foster colonies of your worst nightmare: hungry bats.

The idea is that, by day, the brown mammals will sleep together in their cozy new homes, then they'll fly forth after sunset in a feeding frenzy. One bat can devour hundreds, or even thousands, of mosquitoes in a night.

Volunteers concerned with the spread of the West Nile virus say the more bats, the better.

"We want them to come and stay," said Diane Cardinali, who touts bats as a more ecologically safe weapon against the mosquito-borne virus than spraying pesticides.

The commission spent about a year looking into the idea before installing its first bat box behind the borough's Department of Public Works building in October. The group plans to have another five boxes along the river and one at both the Hirschfield and French brooks.

To beef up the fight against mosquitoes, commission members also want to encourage residents to install backyard boxes to attract another eager predator: swallows. Volunteers hope the boxes will be successful enough that surrounding boroughs will follow their lead.

"We're so glad it's getting going now," said Lauren Maehrlein, chairwoman of the commission. "But first we had to get over the hurdle of whether people were going to accept this. So before we did any research on how to attract bats, we did research on the bats themselves."

First, bats in this region do not go after humans. They are actually quite shy and gentle, and prefer to live in quiet and secluded places. They can also be rather territorial, which is why the commission plans to place the bat boxes about a half-mile away from each other along the Hackensack River.

Also, bats very rarely carry rabies, research has shown. Any rabies risk is further reduced by their fear of people. The bat boxes will provide the mammals with a safe habitat away from the community.

Volunteers joined Bat Conservation International in Austin, Texas, which sent them materials on bats and a model bat box. They then placed a newspaper ad seeking help with the project, to which Joseph Frangiosa - a retired butcher whose hobby is woodworking - responded.

With donated wood pieces such as old palettes and some new lumber, Frangiosa spent a weekend crafting five narrow boxes that measure 11/2 feet across by 3 feet long. The width, at only a few inches, keeps it cozy. And there is also mesh screening inside for the bats to cling to.

"This was something to do to help out the town. I was happy to do it," Frangiosa said. The project, he said, "could knock the hell out of the population of the bugs." And he's up for the job of swallow boxes, too. "If they give me the plans, I'll make it."

Still, some experts question the effectiveness of bat boxes.

Bats and swallows may eat some mosquitoes but it's not likely they will make a significant dent in the insects' numbers in the area, said Wayne Crans, director of the New Jersey Mosquito Research and Control Program at Rutgers University.

"The fact that people have developed a shelter for [the bats] is great," Crans said. "But by themselves they're not going to reduce the number of mosquitoes to a level that you would even notice it."

He said bats tend to go after bigger meals, such as moths, which are also easier to catch. Also, he said, it could take more than a year to attract the bats to the boxes.

Robert McLean, program manager for wildlife diseases at the National Wildlife Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Fort Collins, Colo., agreed. Bat boxes have worked in some locales, he said, but they "are not something to depend on for controlling mosquitoes."

"How much of a contribution they would make is unknown," he said, adding that their effectiveness could depend on how great the mosquito population is, compared to the bat population. "But it's not an unworthy cause."

Cardinali and others involved in the project say they're aware of all of that.

"This is one small portion of help in the overall picture where everyone is trying to do the right thing," she said, applauding the Bergen County Mosquito Control Commission for its ground-spraying program. "We're just trying to be part of their effort. We're all here to help each other."

The commission will monitor the boxes and share the results of their effectiveness with the bat conservation group.

Last year, 12 state residents were diagnosed with West Nile virus. A 45-year-old Carteret man died last October, the state's only fatality in 2001.

In most cases, those who are infected survive, but mortality is higher among the elderly and those with deficient immune systems. West Nile can result in encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain and central nervous system. The disease first appeared in the United States in New York in 1999.

The New Milford Environmental Commission works to protect and monitor all the public lands in town. The seven-member group sponsors tree giveaways and participates in the state's Clean Communities Day program.

In perhaps its largest successful project to date, the commission prepared applications for state and county grants to acquire a 7.5-acre tract of land now known as the New Milford Woods.

One hundred animals tested for plague

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) Results are expected this week from tests conducted on more than 100 animals around the home of a couple who contracted plague.

State veterinarian Paul Ettestad and state epidemiologist C. Mack Sewell said they expect there will be plague-carrying rodents among those tested.

John Tull and Lucinda Marker, of Santa Fe, were in New York earlier this month when they became ill and went to a hospital. They informed doctors that a rat found on their property had tested positive for plague in July. Tull and Marker had contracted the bacterial disease.

The investigation has turned up no "smoking gun," or high-risk exposure around the couple's home, Ettestad said. It doesn't appear the couple's dogs are infected.

The researchers plan to continue trapping animals in the area and collecting blood and flea samples.

Eventually the information will be submitted to a long-term study being conducted by the health department's office of epidemiology and the Centers for Disease Control in Fort Collins, Colo.

Researchers want to know how the disease persists if rodents that carry the disease die. They speculate that some wood rats or fleas carry the disease but do not die.

Plague is curable with antibiotics if caught in time. Marker has been treated and released from a New York hospital. Tull is undergoing treatment.

National Briefs

Man threatens casinos

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) A man has been charged with threatening two casinos after he allegedly displayed a sign containing a threatening message.

The man, whose name wasn't released by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, was arrested Friday evening.

The Iowa DCI is the agency handling the investigation.

Authorities said the man was seen about 7 p.m. placing a sign near the entrance to the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. The sign threatened Ameristar Casino-Hotel and Harrah's Council Bluffs Casino and Hotel, police said.

Sgt. Al White of the Council Bluffs Police Department said authorities believe the man is responsible for other threats made to the casinos.

The sign that the man displayed may have alluded to a bomb, White said.

A spokesman for Ameristar said the casino was informed of the threat, but no one was evacuated.

A preliminary investigation by police didn't indicate a real threat, the spokesman said.

Passengers contract stomach virus on Caribbean cruise

SEATTLE (AP) A lawsuit has been filed against Seattle-based Holland America on behalf of passengers who contracted a contagious stomach virus during a Caribbean cruise.

The suit filed Friday seeks class-action status.

The ship's 1,900 passengers and crew disembarked from the Amsterdam in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last week following a 10-day cruise.

About 160 passengers aboard the cruise line's Amsterdam ship became sick from a Norwalk-like virus, which can cause diarrhea and vomiting for 24 to 48 hours.

The virus is spread through food and water and close contact with infected people or things they have touched. For the elderly and for those with chronic illness, the +virus+ can cause dehydration.

It was the second time in four months that passengers contracted the same illness on one of Holland America's vessels. The Ryndam, which sailed to Alaska in July, had 395 reported cases before the vessel was temporarily pulled from service to be disinfected.

A lawsuit seeking class-action status was filed in Vancouver, British Columbia, in August on behalf of Ryndam passengers.

Fraternity kicked off campus for homecoming skit

MONTCLAIR, N.J. (AP) Montclair State University has kicked a fraternity off campus for a "degrading, demeaning, insulting and disgusting" skit at a homecoming celebration.

In a letter to Phi Alpha Psi Senate last month, university vice president Karen Pennington wrote that the skit showed the fraternity "has no interest in being part of the values which this institution seeks to demonstrate and instill in its students."

The skit, which followed the school's "Broadway" theme, involved a chorus line of men in drag, a lounge singer in a white tuxedo, and various villains: the Unabomber, O.J. Simpson, Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and the Washington, D.C.-area sniper.

Each villain tries to kill the singer, but instead hits members of the chorus line. Finally, someone dressed as an ape - the fraternity's mascot - fells the singer to save the world from a bad Broadway show.

The fraternity's president, John Zuccarello, said the skit had a deeper message: "They're asking us to sing and dance and put on a show about Broadway, and there's all these bad things happening in this country, to Americans," he told The Record of Bergen County. "We're trying to make people talk about it."

INTERNATIONAL

Subway saved from poison gas

LONDON (AP) Three men charged last week with terrorist offenses were plotting to release poison gas on the London subway system, a British newspaper reported Saturday.

The Sunday Times said three North African men were suspected of planning to release the gas, possibly cyanide, on the London Underground. Assistant Editor Nicholas Rufford told Sky News television that the group had been infiltrated by MI5, Britain's domestic intelligence service.

Scotland Yard would not comment on the report, saying only that three men had been charged under the Terrorism Act with possessing materials for the "preparation, instigation or commission" of terrorist acts.

Rabah Chekat-Bais, 21, Rabah Kadris, in his mid 30s and Karim Kadouri, 33 - all of no fixed address - appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court in central London earlier this week. They were being held in custody until their next court appearance on Monday.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a police source said the men had not been charged with plotting a specific terrorist act.

Last week Prime Minister Tony Blair said barely a day went by without new intelligence about a threat to British interests - some reliable but some likely misinformation or gossip.

He advised British people to be vigilant against terrorism, but not allow fear to distort normal life.

"If a terrorist thought that all he had to do to shut down the travel industry, for example, was to issue a threat against our airports, we really would be conceding defeat in the war against terrorism," Blair told the annual Lord Mayor's banquet in London's financial district.

Romania joins NATO

CONSTANTA, Romania (AP) A lone figure with a rifle stands vigil in a snow-crested guard tower on the edge of Constanta's airport. The silhouette doesn't move because it can't - it's a dummy, not a soldier.

Romania, among Eastern Europe's poorest nations, can't afford to staff every tower 24 hours a day. But that won't stop NATO from inviting it and six other former communist countries to join the alliance at this week's summit in Prague.

Like neighboring Bulgaria, Romania is struggling to build a viable democratic society. While Bulgaria has found a measure of stability under the premiership of its former king, Simeon Saxcoburggotski, Romanian voters have set off alarm bells by giving considerable support to Corneliu Vadim Tudor, a rabble-rousing nationalist.

Corruption is rampant in this region, Western values are not universally held, and the economies are struggling. Ordinarily, such grave troubles would delay a nation's entry into NATO for years.

Both countries, though, have offered something the post-Sept. 11 West - especially the United States - can't pass up: use of strategic airstrips and naval bases on the Black Sea, such as the one at Constanta, within striking distance of Iraq and Central Asia.

"Romania is committed to helping our American friends at a very difficult time," Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana told The Associated Press. Bulgaria, too, "will act as an ally of the United States ... in the fight against international terrorism," Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi declared.

The payback: early membership in NATO, which both nations hope will promote a sense of security and stability that will encourage foreign investment and dispel the last shadows of communist times.

It also brings them closer to what most ordinary Romanians and Bulgarians see as the real prize: membership in the prosperous European Union, which means access to its subsidies and the right to live and work anywhere in the 15-nation bloc.

Western officials in Bucharest insist they're not ignoring Romania's corruption, which is said to be widespread, particularly in the privatization of state-owned companies.

Romania, which has seven words for "bribe," ranks 77th on Transparency International's latest corruption index of 102 countries. Bulgaria, which recently set up a special anti-corruption commission, ranks better at 45th.

It's better to have them inside NATO than outside, said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. "You can talk to them like family. You can keep the heat on."

Romania sent a mountain unit to Afghanistan and offered to support a U.S.-led operation against Iraq, and Defense Minister Ioan Mircea Pascu bitterly resents suggestions that he did it just to polish Romania's credentials for NATO.

"It is vicious to say we built our success on the corpses of Sept. 11," he said. "Ours was a natural human reaction. It shows that Romania is providing security, not consuming security."

NATO officials credit the two countries for streamlining once-bloated war machines into specialized units that can deploy fast.

Bulgaria, once a fiercely loyal Soviet satellite, has slashed its forces from a Cold War high of 120,000 soldiers to 60,000 and recently destroyed its Soviet-era missiles. The U.S. ambassador to NATO, Nicholas Burns, said last month he was "very impressed."

"There's been a change in the mind-set of the Bulgarian armed forces," Defense Minister Nikolai Svinarov said. "We'll be looking for our niche within NATO."

But Bulgaria's Soviet-era Kalashnikov rifles and aging MiG fighters are "a little outdated," Svinarov conceded. The cash-strapped country has no immediate plans to buy new tanks or jets.

Neither does Romania, which has cut its forces from 300,000 in 1989, when the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown and executed, to about 100,000 today.

It may have cut too deeply, suggests Alexandru Bizdic, a former air force helicopter pilot who works as an adviser at Constanta's airport.

Jet fighter pilots under Ceausescu got 250 hours of flight time a year, Bizdic said. Now, they get only two to three hours a year in the cockpits of obsolete MiG-21s or MiG-29s for which the military has no more spare parts.

"The air force isn't just in rough shape. It's in really horrible shape," he said. "The leadership of this country is no longer interested in having a cutting-edge military. They're only interested in themselves.

"In this country, if you steal a loaf of bread, you'll go to jail for four years. But if you steal a hundred million dollars, nothing will happen to you."

There are also lingering concerns about the hundreds of communist-era secret police now employed in government, mass media and the judiciary.

"They were seriously involved in building communism, and now they're seriously involved in building democracy. It's commendable. But they're not clean," says Cornel Nistorescu, a prominent newspaper columnist.

Most Romanians are worse off now than they were under Ceausescu. The average wage is about the same - $120 a month - but high inflation has weakened buying power. One in two young Romanians wants to leave, surveys show.

Life is just as desperate in Bulgaria, where thousands of protesters massed in Sofia earlier this month and chanted, "We want money!"

In an interview at his 17th-century Cotroceni Palace, President Ion Iliescu called corruption "an illness of our society" and promised to keep fighting it.

"To reorganize a country is not a simple question," he said. "There are so many problems to be solved."

International Briefs

Explosions rock Russian stadium after soccer match

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) Two explosions rocked a stadium Sunday about an hour after a soccer match in the southern Russian city of Vladikavkaz, but there were no reports of casualties.

The explosions occurred two to three seconds apart at the city's central Spartak stadium, said an official in the local Interior Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Vladikavkaz, the capital of the republic of North Ossetia, is near Chechnya.

One explosive device was planted beneath a sewage manhole near the entrance to the stadium, and he other was planted about 50 feet away in a metal lamppost near the viewing stands.

The match was held an hour earlier than normal so it could be timed with other matches Sunday night in the final round of Russian Premier League.

Vladikavkaz is headquarters of Russia's 58th Army, which is engaged in fighting rebels in nearby Chechnya.

Prison guards arrested for beating inmates to death

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) Four prison guards were arrested Sunday and a search was underway for three others after they allegedly beat four inmates - two of them to death - at a prison in eastern Pakistan, authorities said.

Top prison official Parvez Raheem Rajput said the guards began beating the inmates soon after they arrived at the Kasur District prison after being transferred from a nearby jail where a deadly riot erupted last week.

The beating was meant to instill fear of the prison into the new inmates, Rajput said.

Two of the prisoners died as a result of the beatings and the two others were hospitalized in serious condition, he said.

The seven prison officials are accused of "torture and misuse of power which resulted in the death of two prisoners," Rajput told a news conference. Four of the guards were taken into custody and three others escaped.

The four prisoners were among 90 inmates who were ordered transferred from the Sahiwal prison after hundreds of inmates angry over alleged mistreatment and poor conditions rioted on Thursday. Guards opened fire, killing one prisoner.

Other inmates involved in the riot were being transferred to different prisons in and around Lahore, 155 miles southeast of the capital, Islamabad.

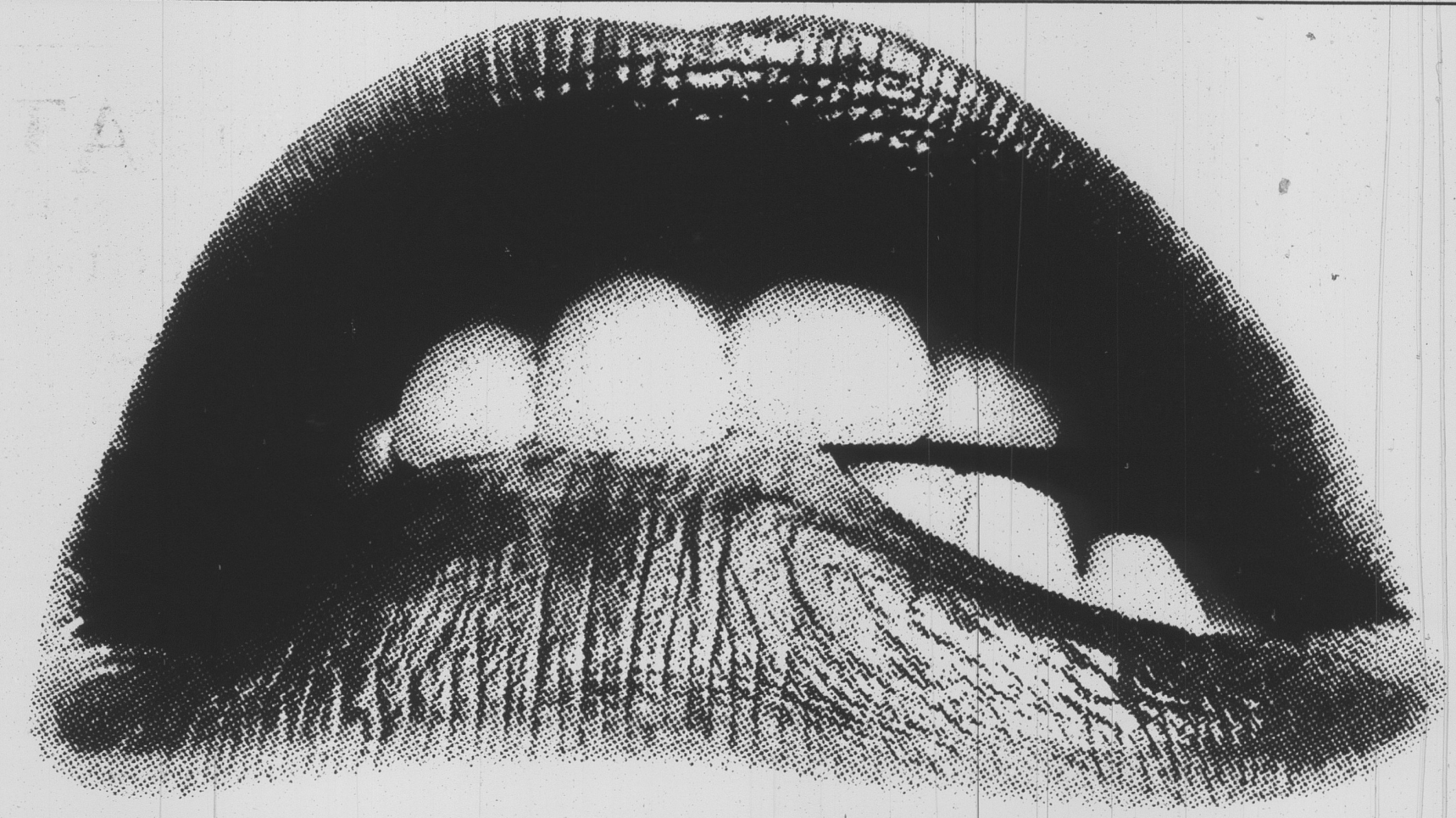
Fishing boat lost at sea, 18 men believed dead

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) All 18 men aboard a fishing boat were missing and believed drowned after their vessel ran into bad weather off Egypt's Mediterranean coast, police officials said Sunday.

The boat, al-Khodeir, sailed two weeks ago from Marsa Matrouh, 550 kilometers (350 miles) northwest of Cairo on what had been a scheduled 10-day outing, according to police. Al-Khodeir, with 18 fishermen and crew members aboard, sent a distress signal a few days later but hasn't been heard from since.

The body of the boat's skipper, Saad Mosa'ad al-Hadad, washed ashore near Marsa Matrouh on Saturday, the police officials said on customary condition of anonymity. Three bodies believed to be of others aboard were found Sunday.

Coast guard patrol boats were searching for survivors, but the officials said there was little hope any would be found.



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SPORTS

What is wrong with the Big Ten

By Steven Brink
Sports Writer

The popularity of college football seemingly doubles every year, and sadly so does the controversy.

There are so many great stories this season in college football. Obviously the job Tyrone Willingham has done at Notre Dame is fascinating. Even though no one on the east coast watches them play, you have to like Jason Gesser and the job Washington State is doing. But the most impressive thing about this college football season is the fact that the Iowa Hawkeyes came from nowhere to grab a share of the Big Ten crown. After going a perfect 8-0 in Big Ten play, the Hawkeyes were not sure if they would even be playing for the Rose Bowl. Luckily for college football, Texas was upset last week which now cleared the path for the Hawkeyes to "smell the roses."

But what if Texas would not have lost? With the Longhorns tradition, they probably would've gotten an at-large berth for a BCS game. That would have left one BCS spot open. With Notre Dame still hanging in with one loss, it's possible that the Rose Bowl would have passed on Iowa and taken Notre Dame. Confused yet? Good, because that's what they want; or at least that's what it seems like.

Oh yeah, there's another Big Ten team that's doing pretty well too. Ohio State is a perfect 12-0, looking to improve that record this weekend at home against Michigan. The big argument right now is whether Iowa is better than Ohio State. Well they're in the same conference so shouldn't they play ...oh wait, that's right they don't get to play each other this year.

This is what's wrong with the Big Ten. Let's take Ohio State for example. There are eleven teams in the conference. Ohio State obviously can't play against themselves so that leaves ten teams. Now, the maximum amount of conferences games you can play is eight, so now there are two teams left. It just so happens that this year Iowa and Michigan State are off the schedule for the Buckeyes.

Now, I know what your thinking. If Iowa were 2-10 this year then no one would be complaining, and you're exactly right. But the system needs to be changed because of the situation we have this year.

Here's what I am suggesting. Since Notre Dame plays against one-third of the Big Ten conference every year anyway, let's add them into the mix. The Big Ten would then have twelve teams. Now that there are an equal number of twelve, they could split them in two halves. We could divide the six teams from the north, and the six from the south. In the North Division you would have: Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Iowa, Northwestern, and Wisconsin. Then the South Division would be represented by: Penn State, Ohio State, Illinois, Purdue, Indiana, and Notre Dame.

This is what I'm getting at. The Big Ten should adopt another team (preferably Notre Dame) and split up into two divisions. I think the Big Ten should follow other conferences such as: the Big Twelve, SEC, and the MAC.

Now under this format, let's use Ohio Sate as an example again. Every year Ohio State would play all the teams from the South Division, and three teams from the North. The teams you play in the opposite division would obviously rotate every two years, just like they do in the Big 12 and the SEC. That would make eight conference games.

Let's say that Ohio State played Michigan, Northwestern, and Wisconsin from the North. It would be the perfect scenario for this year. If Ohio State, and Iowa both go undefeated, then they would meet in the Big Ten Championship game. And that game would ultimately decide who goes to the Rose Bowl to represent the Big Ten.

So you see folks, it's not that complicated. Under this format, there would be no dispute about who the best team in the conference was. Ohio State could end up playing for the National Championship, but they might not even be the best team in their own conference! Oh well, that's college football. Will this ever be done? Probably not, but it's nice to think about.

In all seriousness though, shouldn't I be running the show?

Lady Titans ready to slam competition

by Steve Brink
Sports Writer

Head coach Rosanne Scott may be new to Westminster, but her basketball squad is full of veterns.

The Lady Titans are coming off an average season where they went 14-11 overall and 8-2 versus PAC teams.

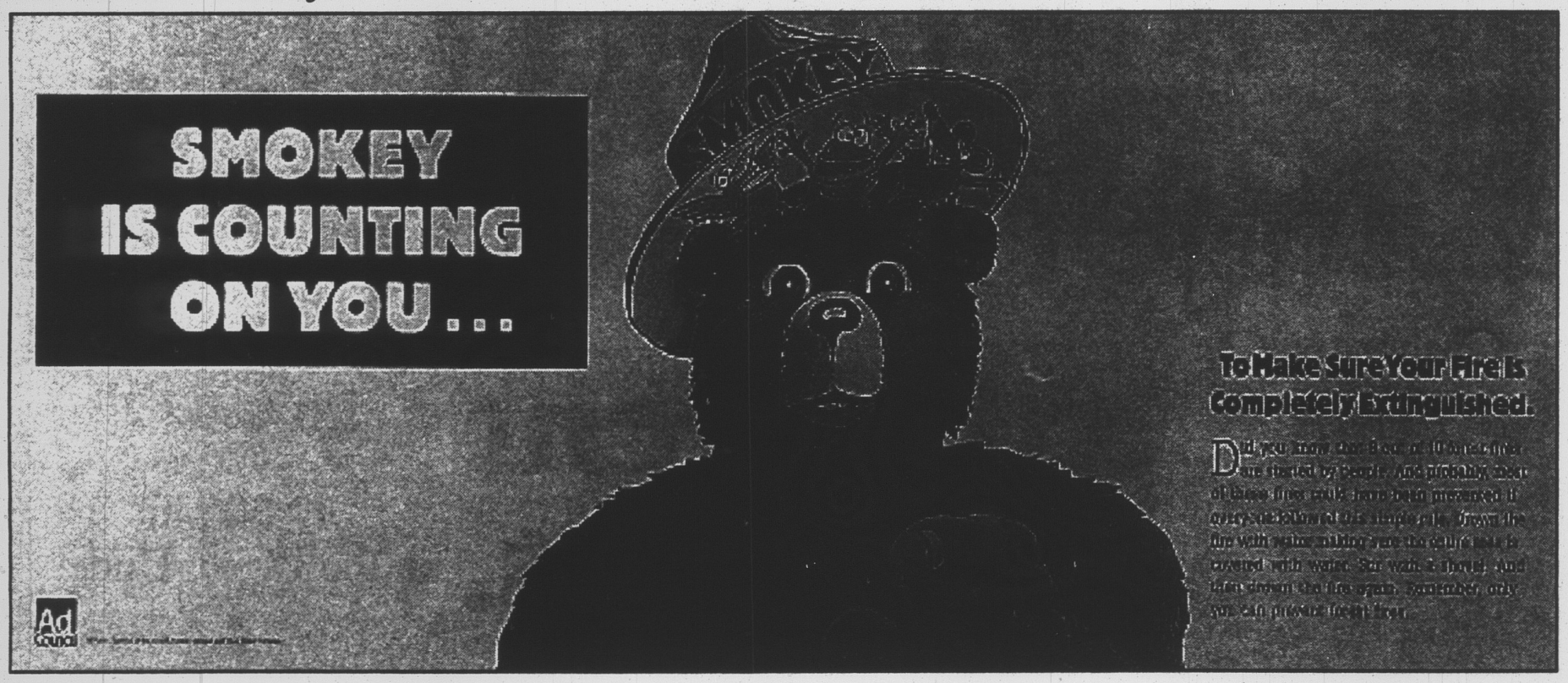
Luckily though for Coach Scott, Westminster returns 4 of 5 starters and ten letter winners from last year's team. Most importantly, the Titans return five seniors who are loaded with talent, which should make Coach Scott's job a little easier.

In the backcourt, Jen Petures, Jamie Lynn, and Ashley Kenney all bring back much needed experience. Also returning are forwards Samor Himes and Kristen Karatinos.

Himes led the PAC Conference in rebounds as a sophomore and will look to duplicate that performance this year.

A number of underclassmen return which will add some much needed spark off the bench. The most daunting task for Coach Scott will be to replace Robin Thayer who is currently Westminster's all-time leading scorer.

The Westminster Lady Titans kick off their season on Friday, November 22, in the PennState-Behrend Tournament.



Soccer and volleyball dominate fall sports

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

In Westminster's inaugural season of active NCAA D-III participation, three fall sports squads dominated the PAC.

The soccer teams, both men's and women's, and the women's volleyball team captured PAC titles. They did so by tearing through the PAC, posting perfect in-conference records.

"From a fan's perspective, it seems like our teams had some added incentive this season. It's like they wanted to assert themselves as a force in the PAC and in D-III for that matter," sophomore Chuch Ivanac said.

Assert themselves, they did. Each team tore through its PAC regular seasons unscathed, and carried that dominance into the respective PAC tournaments, capturing the first three PAC titles in the history of Titan athletics.

The men's soccer team posted a record of 16-3-2, compiling a perfect 10-0 PAC mark. The Titans carried that mark into the PAC tournament, where they survived overtime thrillers against Grove City and Washington & Jefferson.

By capturing the PAC crown, the Titans snapped Bethany's consecutive championship-streak of 23 seasons, while lengthening their school-record winning streak to 15. Although the Titans fell to Otterbein College in the first round of the NCAA D-III playoffs, the sense of accomplishment has already begun to materialize.

"I am proud to be listed as a member of this championship team and feel we have represented the college to the best of our ability. After our slow start, both of these great accomplishments are a testament to the determination of each player as well as the team," senior forward Pasquale Reino said.

This season, the women's soccer team equaled the men's success, registering a 15-5-2 mark, going unblemished in the PAC. Like the men, the women's squad outlasted Washington & Jefferson and Grove City to earn the PAC title.

With their PAC victory, The Lady Titans ran their unbeaten streak to 14 games (12-0-2), earning a berth in the NCAA D-III playoffs, where they defeated Frostburg State University, 4-1, moving on to combat defending NCAA D-III national champion Ohio Wesleyan.

"It's really exciting [to win the PAC]. We knew we had a good nucleus of girls and the possibility of winning the conference and making the playoffs really made us work," sophomore outside midfielder Katie Fisher said.

While the soccer teams were winning outside, the women's volleyball team busied themselves by winning inside.

The volleyball team tallied an overall record of 25-9, 10-0 in the PAC. The team entered the PAC tournament as the top-seed and continued its winning ways, defeating Grove City and Washington & Jefferson en route to the PAC crown.

With their two PAC-clinching victories, the Lady Titans earned the eighth 25-win season during head coach Tammy Swearingen's tenure. Though an active NCAA D-III participant, the Lady Titans instead accepted a bid to battle for the ECAC title, which they won last season.

"I am honored to be one of the first WC teams to win the PAC title. We've been working so hard and have waited for so long for our opportunity to win this conference," sophomore Lauren Lalama said.

"It's impressive to see just how well our athletes are competing. With the way they've played, Westminster has definitely earned some respect in D-III," sophomore Mike Kelly said.

WC Sports briefs

Soccer

The Westminster College men's and women's soccer teams combined to place 12 players on the 2002 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) All-Conference soccer teams, released today. In addition, Westminster women's soccer senior forward Tammy Newell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.) was named PAC Player of the Year, while Girish Thakar was tabbed PAC Women's Coach of the Year.

For the PAC champion Titan men's team (16-4-2 overall, 10-0 PAC), three players earned First Team honors while two others garnered Second Team laurels. Named to the First Team was senior defender B.J. Mathieu (Pittsburgh/Penn Hills H.S.), sophomore midfielder John Booth (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.) and junior forward Matthew Roser (Kingwood, TX/Kingwood H.S.). Mathieu anchored a defensive unit which allowed less than one goal per game (21 goals in 22 games). Booth led the team in goals (12) and points (29) while adding five assists, while Roser led the team in assists (nine) and finished second on the team in points (27) and third in goals (nine).

Earning PAC Men's Soccer Second Team recognition was senior midfielder Tony Arrigo (Pittsburgh/Plum H.S.) and junior forward Todd Fisher (Grove City/Grove City H.S.). Arrigo recorded five goals and five assists for 15 points while anchoring the midfield, while Fisher tallied eight goals and six assists for 22 points.

Five PAC Champion Lady Titans (16-6-2, 9-0-1 PAC) joined Newell on the PAC Women's Soccer First Team: senior defender Krissy Edmonds (Irwin/Hempfield H.S.), senior forward Katie Krone (Sebastopol, CA/Analy H.S.), junior defender Alicia Anderson (Chicora/Karns City H.S.), junior midfielder Alyssa Pyle (Sewickley/Quaker Valley H.S.), and sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Drummond (Pittsburgh/Keystone Oaks H.S.). The lone Second Team pick for the Lady Titans was junior defender Sharon Griffin (Boardman, OH/Canfield H.S.).

Newell posted team-high totals in goals (22) and points (52) while adding eight assists. Edmonds scored a pair of goals and anchored the Lady Titan defense which gave up just one goal per game. Krone led the team in assists (11) and was second on the squad in goals (18) and points (47). Anderson recorded two goals and two assists while helping lead the defense. Pyle ranked second on the team in assists (10) and third in goals (six) and points (22). Drummond made 70 saves, posted an 0.64 goals-against average and had eight shutouts. Griffin posted one assist in addition to her solid defensive play.

Swimming

The Westminster College men's and women's swimming teams each opened the 2002-03 dual meet season with wins tonight at the Westminster Natatorium, as the Titans and Lady Titans swept NCAA Division II Ashland University. The Titan men won 110-95, while the Lady Titans were also victorious 106-98.

For the Titan men, leading the way was senior Seth Bontrager (Elkhart, IN/Concord H.S.), who captured both the 200 individual medley (1:57.25) and 200 butterfly (1:59.76). His time in the 200 IM set a new Westminster pool record, breaking the old mark of 1:57.44 set by Drew Dugan in 1993. Junior Matt Buzard (Massillon, OH/Massillon-Washington H.S.) was also a double-winner for Westminster, capturing the 50 & 100 freestyle events.

Three Lady Titans - senior Stefanie King (Ashville, NY/Panama Central H.S.) and juniors Megan Lytle (Clearfield/Clearfield H.S.) and Brittany Jardine (Allison Park/North Allegheny H.S.) - each captured individual races and teamed with sophomore April Dollard (Washington/Trinity H.S.) to capture the 400 medley relay. King won the 200 breaststroke, while Lytle was victorious in the 50 freestyle and Jardine finished first in the 200 butterfly

The Westminster men's and women's swimming teams return to action one week from tomorrow (Saturday, Nov. 23), as the Titans and Lady Titans travel to face the College of Wooster in a pair of non-conference dual meets in Wooster, Ohio, beginning at 1 p.m.

Congrats Baby Bunnies!

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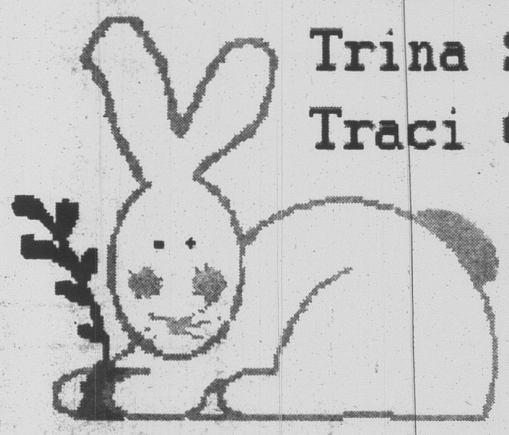

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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Me fail english.
That unpossible.

Skeeve's my hero!

Squirrel problems? Call me!

Deep thoughts: A lot of us think that the cactus is the porcupine's favorite plant. It is thinking like that, that almost ruined this country.

Poop :(

This rain needs to back up off.

Welcome to the Batcave.

This school is like a black hole; everyone comes in but no one ever gets back out.

Props to the Gospel choir!

So what's for dinner today, rice or rice?

I wanna be a cowboy baby.

Mmmmm...tater tots.

Who was the 19th president of the United States?

Someone put a lil bone sticker on my mailbox.
Who does that?

Smokey?

Let's do the Time Warp again.

Finals are coming! Hold me I'm scared.

Brook should have won The Bachelor!

Think for yourself. We're not your mom.

Let's do the Time Warp again.

The Rant and Rave is a column made up of the anonymous opinions of the WC community. *The Holcad* does not condone or condemn any of these opinions.

OUR VIEW: Government Spending

Governor Mark Schweiker recently donated a check for $1.7 million to the campus as part of a $63 million "cultural stimulation" project for the Pittsburgh area.

While this may seem like a wonderful blessing to those of us who pay our hard earned cash to go to this fine institution of learning it was only a blessing in disguise. For instead of benefiting the campus community, the money is going toward funding our favorite program, Celebrity Series.

The $1.7 million will not go toward student grants that many of us badly need after the so-called economic crisis that drove up tuition costs and drove down the government aid and any other valuable program that is desperately needed to sustain our state. Take into consideration the downward spiral our economy is supposedly in and the fact that the state of Pennsylvania is in one of the worst financial crises in recent history. But, who thinks about wise spending anyway?

If the government is spending money on your school would you rather it be on financial aid?

Now Celebrity Series is a program with very good cultural intentions that is geared toward the older generation in our community.

While this is a good program, most of the students of the college see little to no value in it because they are not interested in most of the acts which it brings. This leaves students to complain, rightly so, about the entertainment which is geared to the students of the college.

Now, don't read this article this wrong way. The intention of it is not to bash the importance of Celebrity Series. We are aware that is not a program that is supported by our tuition. But the money could have gone toward so many other things.

If the government is spending money on your school would you rather it be on financial aid, student programs or to support a self-sustaining cultural program that has little effect on our student body?

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On last Thursday the Peace Studies Program brought in Mr. Robert Jennings from the American Civil Liberties Union to speak about the Patriot Act put into action following the terrorist attacks of last September. This act, pushed through Congress because of the fear following the attacks and the political suicide of voting against something with the word "patriot" attached to it, is as we speak greatly violating the rights of people across the country. Under this legislation, American government agencies have the right to interrogate, arrest, and detain anyone who is "suspicious." "Suspicious" can be translated into anyone who is of Middle Eastern origin, particularly 18-35 year old males. These individuals can be held in prison indefinitely, without being granted the guarantees provided in the Constitution, like legal council, a speedy indictment and trial, and actual charges being brought up against the accused. Many of these people have been sitting in jail since shortly after the attacks, and have yet to be charged with a crime. To me, this sounds a lot like Nazi Germany, but many Americans, including the current administration, are OK with that.

The main argument made by Mr. Jennings' detractors at the Peace Studies program, was that he did not provide an alternative to the way the Patriot Act is addressing the threat of subsequent terrorist attacks. In their defense, Mr. Jennings never really answered this question despite the fact that it was asked numerous times. But, in his defense, the ACLU does not make policy, its function is to address injustices that occur, so that those with power (i.e. government officials) can either act accordingly or face legal action. I understand that our nation has changed since 9-11, and that a heightened sense of security has to be achieved, but does that mean that innocent people have to give up their rights as citizens or human beings? Just because a certain ethnic and religious group perpetrated the terrorist attacks, does not mean that everyone from those groups should be a suspect. America already made the terrible mistake of throwing all of her Japanese inhabitants in internment camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Unfortunately, most people either forget, or choose to forget, about such mistakes made by our holier than though government.

Do I have the answer to the problems we face as a nation right now? Does the ACLU? Do you? I think the answer is no, none of us do, but it is not our job to make policy; it is our job to analyze and support or scrutinize it. We should not accept the fact that our fellow citizens, and fellow human beings are being treated in a manner that simply is not right. I know that it is difficult for many to put themselves in the shoes of someone who does not look or think like you, or come from the same socio-economic, religious, or geographical background, but I beg you to try. With this perspective, I think and hope you're opinion will change.

Sincerely,
Matthew Mough

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Biz and Jenna at the Movies

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secretes

Jenna Chesky

Director Chris Columbus had the daunting task of transforming a world of wizards and muggles to the big screen once before in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. He's done it again. J.K. Rowling's highly acclaimed sequel, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, is magically brought to life with the help of screenwriter Steve Kloves. Columbus and Kloves manage to keep the audience spellbound through a whopping 161 minutes. In his second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry Harry is warned by a mysterious house elf not to return. He doesn't heed the advice (would you?) and finds the school beleaguered by a series of attacks. As Harry and his friends, Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson), try to uncover the mystery guarding the Chamber of Secrets they realize they received more than they bargained for.

The Good: I'll be the first one to admit I am a Harry Potter fan. The books are astounding and the films are not far behind. The adaptation of the second novel in the line of seven is significantly longer than the first, but the time flies. The cast includes a mix of unknown talent, Daniel Radcliffe (Potter), Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson, as well as Britain's best, Richard Harris (Dumbledore), Maggie Smith (McGonagall), Kenneth Branagh (Lockhart), and Alan Rickman (Snape). Together they bewitch the audience. There is a wonderful mix of humor, fantasy, and even thrilling suspense. The novel didn't seem so scary at times, but in a dark movie theatre with surround sound, I'll admit I jumped more than a few times.

The Bad: The plot seemed a bit jumpy at times, but things will end up on the cutting room floor when adapting a novel to the screen. Unfortunately the irreplaceable Richard Harris passed away recently. This does not bode well for the future Harry Potter films.

The Bottom Line: See it on the big screen.

Biz Adams

Wizards, Broomsticks, and Spiders the size of Volkswagens- What do all of these have in common? All can be seen in the latest Potter flick, The Chamber of Secrets. Dadadadummm.

You know how, when you read the book before the movie, the movie usually ends up falling far short of your expectations? Not so with Potter movies. Rather, reading the books probably makes the movies better, which is rare when it comes to book-to-film projects.

Daniel Radcliffe plays the young wizard Harry Potter, who bears a striking resemblance to Rachel Dratch of Saturday Night Live. Harry is becoming a young man, and when he screams in the film he sounds like a cross between a hyena and Bjork. Voice aside, Potter is as engaging as ever in this film, evoking sympathy and cheers as he marches through the somewhat stormy plot. Dumbledore is his wise old self and by far my favorite character in the film. Sadly, Richard Harris, the actor who plays the endearing headmaster, died of Hodgkin's disease in late October.

The plot, as I said, is stormy. Character motivation was strewn aside while computer-generated images took top billing. This is evident mostly in the climax of the film, when the effects are remarkable, but the dialogue and basis for the event are just plain cloudy and awkward. If I went into more detail, I would give away the ending. Just trust me.

Amazingly, I do not have many negative things to say about this film, which explains why this review is short. But a word of advice. Or fifteen words: Read the book before you see the movie, and you will enjoy it much more.

Jenna: See it on the big screen.

Biz: Read the book before you see the movie, and you will enjoy it much more.

Kick privacy out the window

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

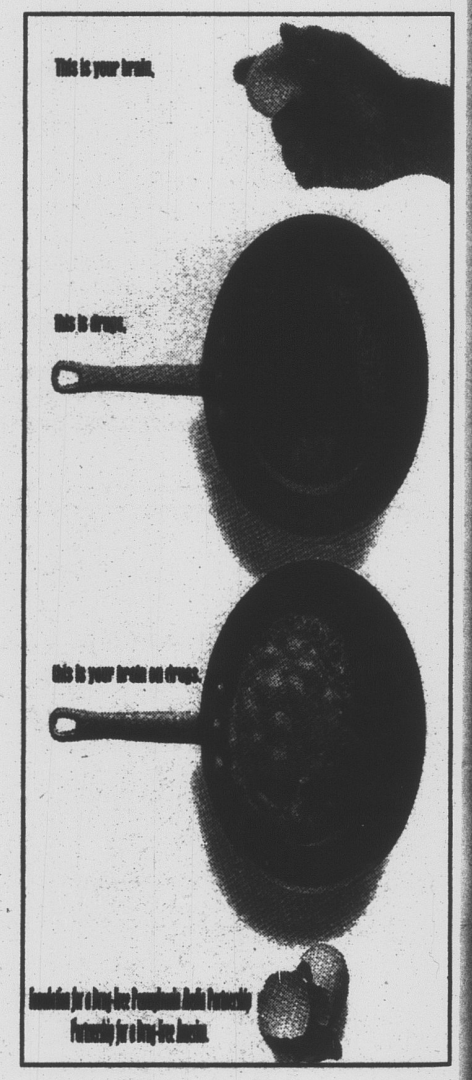
Wouldn't it be great to live a day in the life of a superstar? What would it be like having fans recognize you while you're out shopping, signing autographs, receiving letters from people worldwide, and seeing yourself on magazine covers? Well, this all might seem glamorous to the ordinary person, but along with becoming famous comes a sufficient amount of controversies that need to be dealt with day by day. Not only do you deal with the admiration of dedicated fans, but you are constantly followed by news cameras and nosy interviewers. Every bad hair day, each petty argument with coworkers and partners, and any problem you may have with the law is put out at the disposal of the public eye more so than it would if you were less than famous. Whether it's right or not, the college community thrives on discovering the latest news on our favorite stars. After hearing about the recent Winona Ryder lawsuit and new talk about the dealing with drugs of Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown, I thought I'd dig up even more dirt on some of our favorite musicians.

Some stars such as Eminem are already tagged with a "bad guy" image. This past week, a bill of seven thousand dollars was unpaid. The culprit was said to have looked an awful lot like Marshall Mathers himself. However, being that Eminem was ninety miles away from the Bacara Resort, attending his 8 Mile movie premiere and party, the possibility that it was him was dismissed. I guess this is proof enough that this thief wasn't "The Real Slim Shady." In this case, being a star could have been an ugly coincidence.

Eighteen-year-old Naturi Naughton recently quit the girl R&B/pop group, 3LW. She claims to have been a victim of racism. This racism was imposed, supposedly, by the other members of her group; not by the public. A feud between friends, due to the stardom of the teenage girls has been talked about on television series such as MTV news and Celebrity Justice. Naughton was kicked out of the lead singing position and believes that it was for racial reasons. This being a touchy topic, Naughton would have probably preferred that reasons for her quitting the group be kept on the down low. This is the exact opposite of what actually happened and all because of her star quality.

A huge case is going on against VH1 for its new series, "Music Behind Bars." This reality show places its attention on the musical abilities of prisoners, who play in concert for the rest of the convict community. Is this right? The families of the victims of the prisoner's crime get no camera time, but is this part of its purpose? The trial for this show is currently going on, so there have been no results up to this point. This instance is a little different than the typical lawsuit. It is against VH1, not a single person or group. I guess, in a way, it pays for musicians such as these to end up in jail. At least they get to display their talents on television!

As you can see, there are both benefits and downfalls in the life of a celebrity. Before you say "I wish I could be her/him for just one day", just remember that life in the spotlight may not be as grand as you had hoped.



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By Ed Canty

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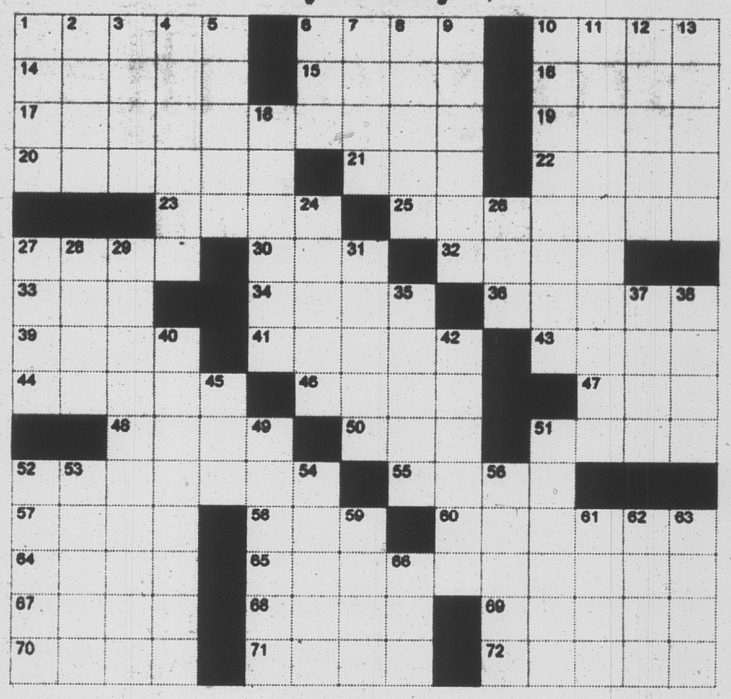

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Quotable Quote

If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read "President Can't Swim".

• • • Lyndon B. Johnson

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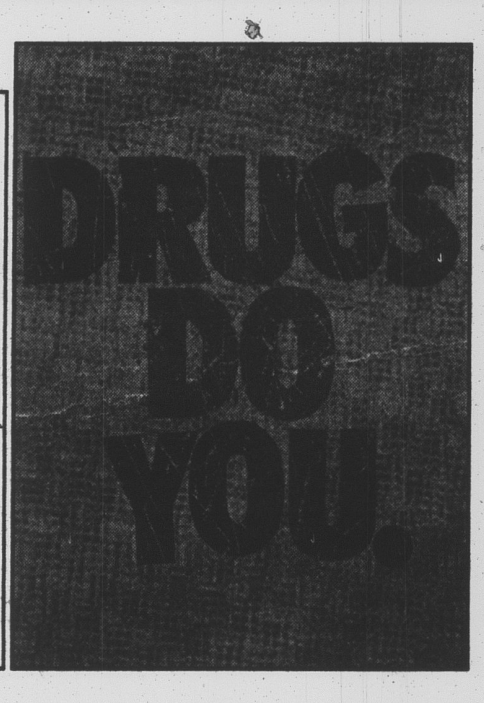


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Your spirit of independence and adventure is strong during the week, and you may likely seek answers and opportunities far from home. Hasty decisions to questions concerning the job or everyday routine need to be avoided. Steer cleer of troublemakers.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

Your mate or business partner will be very helpful in matters relating to financial dealings. Don't be to sure of what seems like a safe bet, avoid taking any foolish risks. There are a few opportunities in various areas which will expand your horizons.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

An agreement with a companion can unleash a new potential for mutual expression, whether in a creative vein, personal alliance or moneymaking scheme. You have the tendency to take much for granted and magnify situations which are not all that they seem; be careful.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

Stick to routine matters and get as much accomplished as possible with minimal fuss. People both at home and at work will appreciate your diligence and efficiency. Draw on your intelligence and use your charm to get to the heart of things. You'll need help from others.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)

Your creative juices are flowing in all directions, and positively affecting everything you do. Your heightened creativity and inventiveness will add another dimension to your work. Instead of forging ahead on your own, it's best to enlist the help of others close to you.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

Be extra cautious in communications with a loved one. Avoid arguing and using a take charge attitude, for this is definitely a joint venture. There may be a problem at work with a new co-worker, so rise above resentments and reach for a new status through hard work.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

This week is no time to let your emotions overrule your mind, try hard to follow your intuitions. Between ups and downs in home life, romance, creative pursuits and finances, you will feel like you are on a seesaw gone wild. Somehow, everything will turn out fine.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Your intuition is in high gear now, so it pays to listen to your inner voice regarding a financial deal. In other matters, particularly your homelife, it will probably be necessary to compromise. Zero in on routine chores and you will accomplish quite a bit.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

Forge ahead and climb up that career ladder, you have more support from higher ups than you realize. Diverse trends favor your money activities, but don't be tempted to throw away advantages you've gained to obtain instant profits. Don't try to please everyone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

Try to complete unfinished odds and ends at work by midweek, when personal interests will take over. Cooperation from others is scarce, so no matter what you do, there will probably be a bit of trouble. Your financial picture is becoming rather rosy.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

This week could be rather hectic, and you have the tendency to overdo it, so at least try to pace yourself. Try not to overspend, because coming up short will be tougher to work your way out of. Your pleasing manner and attractiveness will be assets in dealing with the public.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Business activities may be a bit disappointing; perhaps your expectations are exceeding possibilities. If you are getting the feeling that someone is undermining you on the job, you could be right. Do some investigating on your own, and don't overreact.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Your social agenda will be quite lively for the next several months. You will have your fair share of popularity with the opposite sex, and there is great potential for a new romance. Regarding money matters, try to consolidate any future gains into one solid investment.

FEATURE

Interactive Story of the Week:

Snow minions and talking chickens

The following was a collaborative effort by random students and staff roaming around campus. Each person added a sentence or two to creat the tale. This is purely a work of collabritve fiction. No snowpeople were harmed in the production of this story.

- The Editors

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a snowman…(Emily Hatala, senior) a snowman stapled to a bulletin board in the library? (Erica May, junior) If I were a snowman, I would not be stapled. I would be cold and icy and have a carrot nose. (Amanda Kengersky, senior) I wouldn't be a mere snowman. I would be a snow miser and thus create an entire army of snowmen to be my minions. (T. Weichey, junior) But because I am a paranoid miser, I wouldn't trust my snowmen minions. I would hurl them one by one from the bulletin board and I would use the snowflakes as my minions. We would throw staples at the passersby. (Ang Satteson, sophomore) Seeing as I don't like being held captive, as soon as my snowflake minions and I scared off all the passerby, I would immediately begin forming a plan to escape the bulletin board and find some place much more tropical to hang. (Katie Miller, junior)

But where would we go? We started our journey, standing at the red light with our twig thumbs waving firmly in the air hoping for someone to pick us up. A very nice Amish family allowed us to get into their buggy and we trotted along all the way to Grove City. From there we said our goodbyes and hitched a ride in a nice cold ice cream truck. (Leah Bell, senior) In the truck, I got hungry and ate four tubs of mint chocolate chip ice cream. When we got to the tropics, I found out I could no longer fit in my bikini. (Ted Merklin, senior) Fortunately for me, my snowflake minions ingeniously created a one-of-a-kind swimsuit for me out of Choco-Taco wrappers. (Kauleen Cloutier, sophomore) Tourists took pictures of me but my minions suddenly appeared and ate them. I was amazed at their disdain for nice tourists. (Chris Argentine, junior)

Wanting to show off my new bathing suit, my minions and I decided to head for the beach for some Pina Coladas. I was secretly hoping to mingle with the sand art forms. Do people make "snow misers" out of sand? I swear my grandfather said something about our sand relatives. (Rachel Lange, senior)

While at the beach in our new bathing suits, me and my minions got together for a highly competitive game of volleyball followed by a dinner of chicken fingers in the cafeteria. (Matt Mough, senior) However to our dismay, the cafeteria didn't have regular chicken fingers. When I went to scope my serving, they came alive. They started telling us how we had the better deal and in the midst of their yelling, they squawked something about not being eaten…have they not heard of snow cones? But not wanting to be pecked apart by the crazed birds, my minions pulled me out of there and good thing, I was starting to drip! Tropics aren't for snowmen! And home we went - back up on the bulletin board! It's safer there! (Feliz DeNu, junior)

I know what I am thankful for this year. Can you say that?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

"So Gwynnie, tell me what you are thankful for?" my father asked me through a viewfinder.

"I am thankful for football. For Notre Dame! And I hope they have a good season!" I tell this to the camera lens with much enthusiasm, my thumbs up and I am ready to go. I had never seen Notre Dame play a yard, or any football game at that, but my boy friends followed the team so I went along with it.

I was pretty confused then on what to be thankful for. As the years gave me age, I am not sure that much changed. Thanksgiving is the least eventful holiday celebrated in the Armagost household. My family gets more into holidays like Dudley the Dragon Day and the Golden Age, holidays that aren't commercialized.

My mom doesn't cook much. Growing up, the center of our Thanksgiving table was a Food Club turkey roll that looked like the contents of an oversized can of cat food. The mashed potatoes came from a box, stuffing from Stove Top and Green Giant frozen vegetables decorated the rest of the dining room table.

I have always been in charge of making the chocolate pie; Keebler Elf graham cracker crust, Jell-o Brand chocolate pudding and lots and lots of whipped cream. I wait my whole meal to take that first bite.

Except…there was that one year. I went to tear the plastic covering away from the prepackaged crust and inside squirming around, having their own Thanksgiving feast were hundreds of tiny little maggots. My father drove me all around town in search of my special crust. Not one gas station carried the highly desired product. I wrote a letter to those Keebler Elves letting them know that maggots had ruined my Thanksgiving. A few weeks later they sent two free coupons and an apology letter. I guess the Elves felt pretty bad.

I spent last Thanksgiving in London. England obviously does not celebrate the feast so I spent my day in the Rat and Parrot pub, talking on the phone with my mother. My bar tab was pretty high that day.

I am pretty anxious about this Thanksgiving. I have to go to my sister's house in Pittsburgh with all of my in-law relatives that I don't particularly care to see. They make fun of me as it is and when the news gets around the table that I am a vegetarian, I am afraid they might slip some turkey under my mashed potatoes.

I know what I am thankful for this year. I am thankful for the few short days away from Westminster. I am thankful for my ticket to The Other Ones performance the day after Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the Ekoostik Hookah show in Cleveland that I am heading to directly after Friday night's concert. I have seen Phil Lesh jam out on stage and Ekoostik Hookah at a few festivals, so this year I am not just following what the boy friends like.

Seeing some favorite bands might not seem to be the most appealing aspect of life to be thankful for but my music brings me great joy. I can't imagine what kind of person I would be without my music…it means that much to me. So if something goes wrong over your Thanksgiving dinner…if you happen to find maggots in your pie crust or an object with the similarities of a can of cat food on your table, do yourself a favor. Remind yourself what is most important to you, your great joys of life. Give yourself some time to comprehend what life would be like without them. The reflection will be different for everyone but it has the same meaning. We will all be thinking of the aspects of life that we give the greatest thanks to, whether it is a football team, chocolate pie or music that sings to your soul. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Greetings from Japan: Elementary School Flashback

by Carolyn Miller
Overseas Correspondent

Last week, the first-level Japanese language students were piled into several taxis and shipped off campus. We had known about this trip for weeks-all the higher-level classes had already gone, and come back with mixed reviews. Some loved the trip, some loathed it, and some just wanted to go back and eat some more. For the first-level classes, we just prayed for communication.

The beginning was easy enough. The four of us walked in, said our names and nationalities in Japanese, and then sat down among the students and talked. "Watashi wa Carolyn Miller desu, amerikajin desu," was easily enough said. Actually holding a conversation with just one six-year-old girl was even harder. We managed to get points across, as she spoke very softly, and I only spoke very simple Japanese. Her name was Haruka, and she showed me her pencil case and origami cranes. We did manage to laugh together as we watched Adam get attacked by several boys kicking and throwing beanbags at him. "Hen na, desu ne?"

Our time with the first graders was very short, and we were soon yanked and resorted into groups that visited the fourth graders. We paraded into the room, where the children ran to bring chairs for us to sit on in the front of the room. Thankfully, at this point, we had our own translator, Aikosan. The amount of Japanese being spoken had far exceeded our knowledge, and we were straining just to catch words we might know.

The children asked us many questions, starting with our names and countries, which we wrote on the board in katakana. The teacher, after watching me write the katakana for my own name, asked me how long I had been studying it. I said two months, and the entire class was in shock. It appears that's quite quick for learning katakana.

The children bombarded us with questions, ranging from "What's your favorite food?" to "What are your hobbies?" I mentioned that I love to play Dance Dance Revolution, and a group of boys in the back mmm'd and aah'd appreciatively. When the questions were over, a girl ran up and grabbed me by the arm, beckoning me out into the hallway. Once we were there, she and her friends taught me to dance to a song by Morning Musume, which we then performed for the rest of the class. I imagine I looked quite silly indeed.

The morning was just one hectic activity after another, and the dancing was followed by running outside and playing Japanese dodgeball. After a brief scuffle to find our shoes, we chased the kids to the playing field and were immediately caught up in the game. It was amazing, learning a new game that was at the same time familiar, and playing it in a way I haven't done since I was 10 years old. It ended too quickly.

By the time we returned to the room, some of the children were already there, dressed in chefs' robes and hats, preparing lunch. They sat the foreign students down at the desks, putting out placemats and food. The lunch consisted of a bowl of noodles, a long piece of bread, tuna salad, an orange and a bottle of milk. I can honestly say that it was one of the most delicious meals I've ever had at school.

I never thought I would be so disappointed to leave elementary school, but all I wanted to do was stay. We gathered up our things and waved goodbye to the children, and I snapped a quick picture with the girl who taught me to dance. I never did learn her name, sadly.

We began to pile back into the taxis, when dozens of children came pouring out of the school after us, hugging us goodbye, posing for pictures, and crowding around the cars as we finally pulled out of the parking lot. Our ride back was filled with stories about dodgeball, games, and miscommunication.

I wanna go back to elementary school now...

Classifieds

College Bowl Sign up is scheduled through Tuesday, Nov. 26 at lunch and dinner or e-mail SGA@westminster.edu with the name of your team, captain, and members names (four plus 1 alternate).

Giving Tree and Sign Up Sheets are available in Galbreath Lobby.

Darts Tournament is scheduled Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Down Under. Register in the Student Affairs Office before Dec. 3.

The New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce will have a December mixer/Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at The Tavern. Cost is $12.50 per person, and reservations must be made by Nov. 29. Contact Brenda Miller for more information (e-mail: MerchdtrB@aol.com or 724-946-9704) The Chamber's web site is www.newwilmington.biz The New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce is in its first year of existence, and your support is appreciated.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 22

Mortar Board's TURKEY DAY - Quad and Cafeteria
W Basketball @ Penn State-Behrend Tournament

11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting - TC 315
6:00 & 8:00 p.m. M Basketball: Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
7:30 p.m. Opera Scenes Performance, "Westminster Vice" - Orr
10:00 p.m. JT's Café

SATURDAY 23

W Basketball @ Penn State-Behrend Tournament
Intramurals Event: Racquetball Tournament
7:30 a.m. PRAXIS (National Teacher Exams) - Patterson Hall
10:00 a.m. Titan Trot 5K Race and Relay - Track and Memorial Field House (Applications in Field House or Chapel Office)
1:00 p.m. M&W Swimming @ Wooster
3:00 p.m. Student Recital: Suzanne Leyden - Chapel
6:00 & 8:00 p.m. M Basketball: Buzz Ridl Classic (H)
7:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY 24

3:00 p.m. Fall Choral Concert: Chamber Singers and Concert Choir -Chapel
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - TC 315
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie

MONDAY 25

11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings
Kappa Mu Epsilon Career Night - Location & Time TBA
7:30 p.m. M Basketball @ Case Western Reserve
9:00 p.m. Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meeting - Down Under
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 26

11:15 a.m. Student Life and Athletic Council Meeting - OM 307
6:00 p.m. Residence Halls Close for Break
6:30 p.m. W Basketball @ Pitt-Greensburg

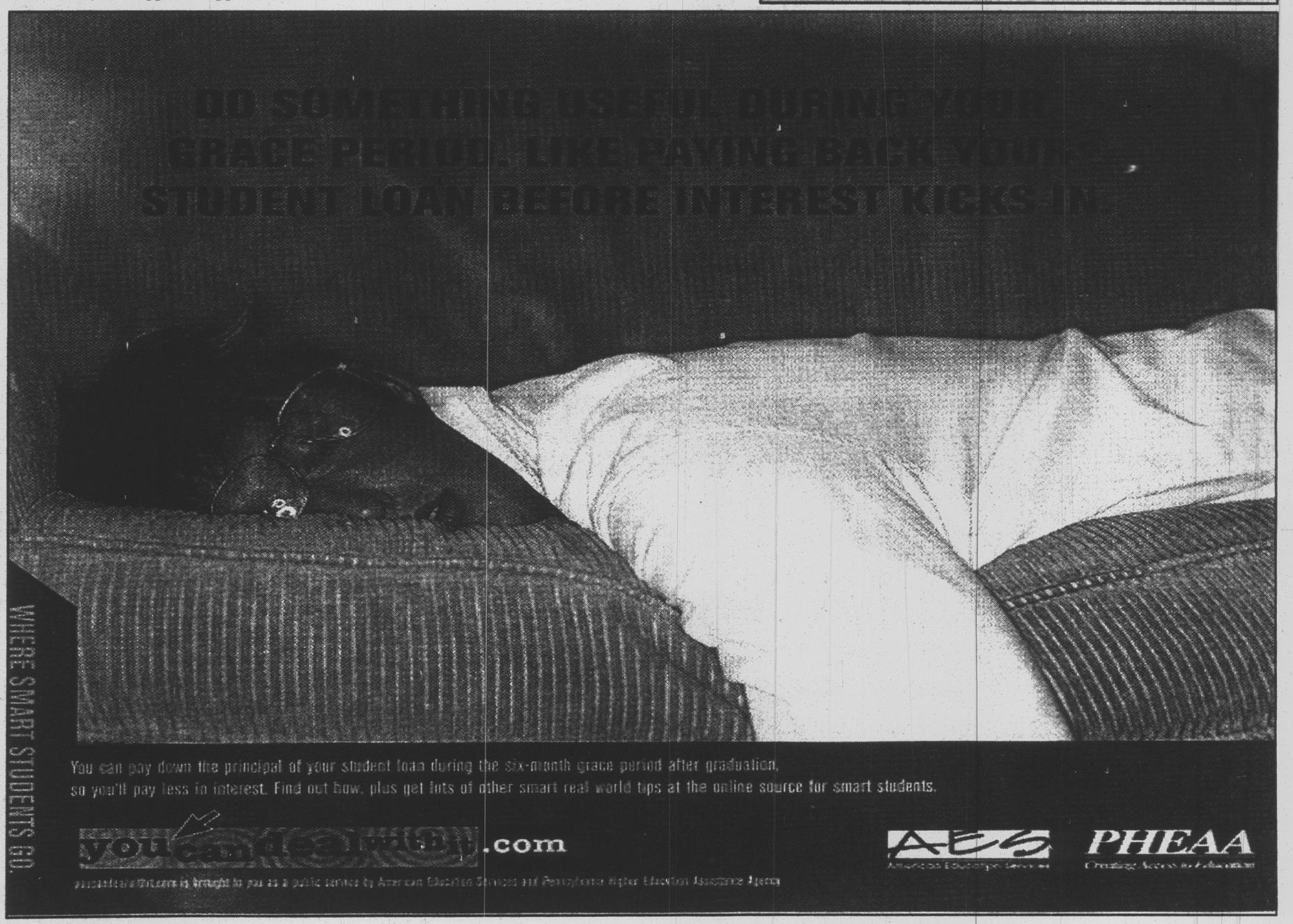
WEDNESDAY 27

Thanksgiving Break

THURSDAY 28

Thanksgiving Day (College Closed)

The Holcad wishes you and yours a happy Thanksgiving



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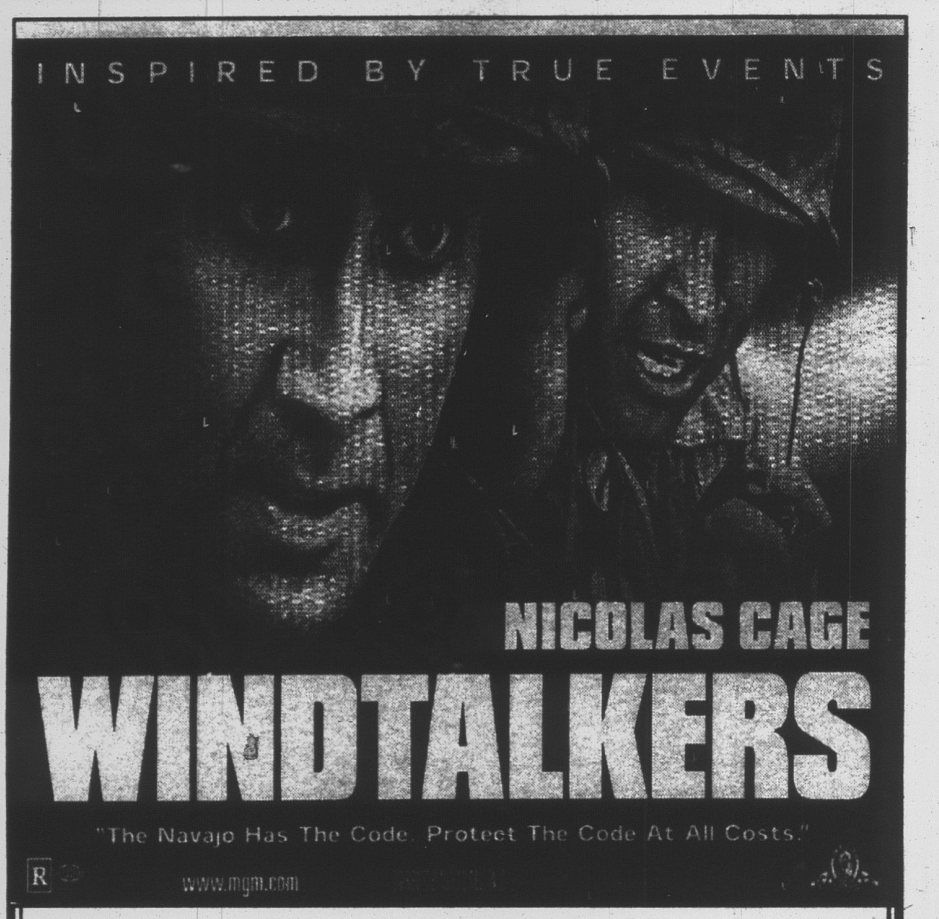

Showing: Windtalkers
Saturday at 8:00 pm
Sunday at 9:00 pm

As always, free popcorn, pop and cappuccino.

Saturday Night:

Rocky Horror Picture Show
11:30 pm

Coming Soon...
December 6 at 8:00 pm
Darts Tournament

December 7 All Day College Bowl

Weekly Events

Late Night-Mondays & Thursdays
10pm-2am
Tuesday Night at the Movies-
Tuesdays 10pm

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts - you provide the chatting!

Baked goods will be available with the cappucinno. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, November 22 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.

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Holiday traditions celebrated around the world

by Rachel Lange
Staff Writer

Fruitcakes soaked in brandy, flaming pudding, sparklers and exploding party favors are just a few of the things you might find at Christmas in another country. While Americans are accustomed to ceremonies such as gift giving, caroling and tree trimming, the traditions of Christmas in other parts of the world are slightly different.

International exchange student Louise Nicholson explained how her family in Ireland celebrates the holidays. Because Thanksgiving is not observed in Ireland, Christmas is a big deal. Nicholson said that many American traditions are also celebrated in Ireland. People decorate trees with tinsel and lights, give presents on Christmas Day and hang mistletoe.

The biggest part of the day is the Christmas dinner, where family members gather together to enjoy either turkey or ham. In Ireland, a common dessert much like a fruitcake is served. This cake is prepared up to a month in advance so it has plenty of time to seep in brandy. Then it is covered in marzipan and served. Nicholson describes the cake as "lethal."

Another part of an Irish Christmas dinner is the pudding. This pudding is full of raisins, currents and fruits. Someone pours whiskey on the pudding and lights it on fire. The fire burns off the alcohol, and this dessert is dished out and enjoyed.

At every plate is a favor called a "Christmas Cracker." This is a small hollow cylinder twisted at both ends in brightly colored foil. It looks like a large piece of candy. When one pulls both ends, the cracker splits apart, making a popping sound.

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photo by Aly Karg

The giving tree in Galbreath Lobby

Cram Jam resolves late-night studying stress

photo by Kristin Park

Cram Jam to take place in cafeteria

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

Does studying for finals have you stressed out? Let Cram Jam resolve all your studying stress.

Cram Jam, taking place on Dec. 11, is a time for students to get away from the frustrations of studying for finals and release a little steam. The event, which was the of President R. Thomas Williamson, will start at 9:00 p.m. and will last until 10:30 p.m.

"Cram Jam provides a relief from the stress of preparing for exams." Williamson said.

Cram Jam is held in Duff Dining Room in Galbreath Hall. Students are provided with food, prizes, and fun games that all serve as a distraction from finals period.

Its popularity among students is climbing. In the first year of Cram Jam about 100 students attended, last semester over 300 students came to the night's festivities.

"Cram Jam is sweet. It a good release from studying," said sophomore Sebastian Driver-Salazar.

The President's office and the food service workers host Cram Jam each year. Food is cooked and served by different departments from the college community. This year volunteers are from the offices of Institutional Advancement, including the alumni, development, communications, sports information, and publications offices.

"The best part of Cram Jam is the free food," said junior Alyssa Pyle.

Cram Jam is a great time for all students and faculty involved. This year should be no exception, so when finals are stressing you out remember that there is an option to take your mind off of it all.

"I hope everyone comes and has a great time," Williamson said.

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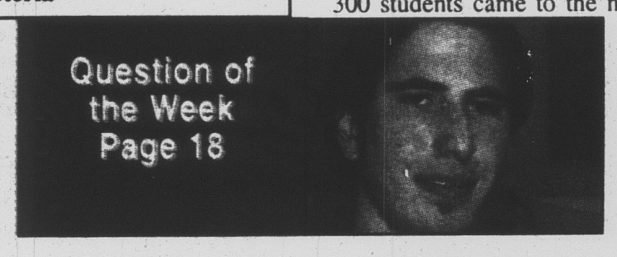

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Saturday: Rain high 30° low 29°

Sunday: Rain/Snow high 43° low 25°

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CAMPUS NEWS

Registration frustrates students and staff again

by Katie Fisher
Staff Writer

When registering for classes, several problems can arise. It is nearly impossible for everyone to walk away satisfied. But, if one understands the registration process, many of these problems can be avoided.

The main problem with registration is classes filling up too quickly. Students often get shut out of classes they need for their major or graduation requirements. It is obvious that Westminster is a small college, so classes are small as well.

Class enrollment generally has a limit of 30 or less students. For several freshman courses, such as speech or Inquiry, the limit is usually 19. The sections are small, so students have to be flexible.

"Problems occur when students haven't planned enough options," Registrar June Garner said. "Student preparation is our biggest problem."

Even seniors were closed out of classes.

"Since these students are seniors, they just assume they can get into all their classes, and do not have other options," Garner said.

On the first day of registration, all the seniors and most of the juniors registered, totaling over 600 students. With class limits of 30 or less, it is even possible for seniors to be denied classes.

The registrar does not determine class enrollment. The departments and the college determine class size.

Academic records processor, Patti Hammer prepares for registration and registers students. "We often take a lot of flack from students when they do not get into a class they want. They do not understand that the faculty sets the class limit," Hammer said.

Another area of difficulty with registration is the sophomore class.

"Sophomores are always difficult because they are not flexible in their thinking with registration. They just want classes for their majors and are not thinking of electives," Garner said.

"I got closed out of a class for my major. It was a 200 level course, so now I have to take a 300 level course. I don't know when I am going to be able to fit that class in now. I know it is not the registrar's fault, but it just gets frustrating at times, "sophomore Sarah Jones said.

Although students are disappointed now, they may find that when they return in January, classes that were closed are open. Students often change their majors, transfer or decide to drop a particular class. If students contact a professor personally, they can often get into their desired classes.

"I think in my experience, the method we use for registration is pretty efficient. Nobody had to wait more than 30 minutes to register. Also, we can really work with the students this way," Garner said.

Alumnus goes far in life after graduation

by Andrea Ceplecci
Staff Writer

One of the college's most successful alumni is Rich Dalrymple, who has been the Director of Public Relations for the Dallas Cowboys since 1990.

Since Dalrymple has been working with the Cowboys, they have won three Super Bowls and six division championships. He has also done publicity for several well-known, professional football players, including Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Deion Sanders, Jerry Jones, and Jimmy Johnson. Prior to working with the Cowboys, Dalrymple worked in the sports information offices at both the University of Miami and at Otterbein College. Although his job can be challenging, Dalrymple enjoys the opportunities it provides.

"The opportunity to be around a sport that I love, and be involved in the daily operations of a football team-long after my days as a player have ended-is an obvious highlight of my career," Dalrymple said.

Dalrymple graduated from the college in 1982 with a degree in English. He was a member of the football team for four years and wrote for the Holcad during his senior year. In 1997, he was selected as a Westminster College Alumni Citation Winner. A native of Pittsburgh, Dalrymple attended North Hills High School, where he was selected to the Hall of Fame in 2000. When he was growing up, Dalrymple wanted to be the quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

While at college, Dalrymple's most influential professors were Dr. William McTaggart and Dr. Jim Perkins. "Both of those teachers weren't afraid to use humor and personality as a means to help get their messages across," he said.

Dalrymple's favorite memory from college is playing on an undefeated, nationally ranked football team. He said that he misses the comfortable, small town and the small college atmosphere, along with the ability to get to know the faculty and the student body. He also misses the trees, the buildings, the slow pace of life-and the parties.

Dalrymple feels that the college really helped him prepare for his career, saying that the liberal arts education teaches independent and creative thinking.

"I also learned that if you can write and communicate effectively through the spoken word, you can do just about any job in the world," Dalrymple said.

Dalrymple advises students to enjoy their college years. He also suggests learning to write well and taking something away from each class and each professor.

"As an undergraduate, you should try to do anything that you can to gain practical professional experience in the field that you think will become your career," Dalrymple said. "Volunteer, do internships and look for ways to get your foot in the door before you graduate."

Dalrymple resides in Coppell, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, with Rosalind, his wife of 14 years, and his four children: Kimberely, 11, Clayton, 9, and twins Jack and Ty, 4. With three Super Bowl rings from the Dallas Cowboys and two national championship rings from the University of Miami, Dalrymple recognizes his success in the professional realm. However, he considers his family to be the biggest blessing in his life.

"My main ambition in life is to be able to help my wife raise four children to become productive members of a family and society," Dalrymple said.

Custodial staff: The unsung heroes of Westminster College

by David DiDesiderio
Staff Writer

It's a nasty job, but somebody has to do it. Ever wonder about those cleaning fees added to your tuition at the end of each year? Well, here is how it works.

As many students know, the dorms have been through a lot. Students take it upon themselves to make sure the custodial staff has enough work to do. Custodians spend many hours cleaning up messes deemed, "extraordinary" because they do not fit into the normal workday.

According to Custodial Supervisor, Ron Pennington, the custodians have certain duties and that are considered routine and are to be completed during their eight-hour days.

"Custodians are required to take out trash, clean the bathrooms and lobbies, along with cleaning the stairs and vacuuming," Pennington said. "Each of these tasks are done multiple times a week and are the standard for what the custodians are to do during their regular work hours."

Unfortunately, custodians are often needed to clean up things that do not fall into the categories listed above. These "extraordinary" messes may consist of vomit or feces that were not properly disposed of or may have been smeared on walls as an act of vandalism. When this happens, custodians are called to clean the mess, unless the Resident Director of the building finds the culprit and requires that person to clean it. If this does not happen, the custodians fill out a work order. The work order includes the nature of the mess and how long it took to clean it. This work order is scanned and sent to student affairs. Student affairs then sends a bill to the building, and in turn, the residents of that building split the cost for the year.

Custodians do not receive bonuses for cleaning up these messes. They work overtime and are paid time-and-a-half for cleaning the mess. There is no set payment for cleaning an "extraordinary" mess. It depends on how long it takes to clean it.

Some students have seen messes that boggle the mind.

"I can't believe some of the things I saw in the dorms when I lived there," junior Brian Glass said. "I've seen one the size of my forearm if you know what I mean. I feel bad for whoever had to clean that up."

Cafeteria encourages students to eat right with health bar

by Matt McClelland
Staff Writer

The infamous freshman 15 might be a thing of the past. This is because the dining hall has started the "Eat Right Westminster" program to allow students to make healthier food choices.

"We started the plan for two reasons," said General Manager of the cafeteria Jeff Creveling. "The first is that we wanted to offer healthier alternatives, and the second is student requests."

The new plan involves 2 major parts. The first part is the new salad bar, which is filled with more nutritious foods such as spinach and tofu. Perhaps the more drastic change is that a nutritional chart accompanies each food station, so students know exactly what they are getting.

"I like the fact that they post all the health information," sophomore Sara Gleydura said. "I may not use it, but I'm glad to know it's there."

"Despite the success of the program, we would still like more student input," Creveling added. "We always try to do what we can as far as student requests."

Another part of the program are little cards posted on the walls offering health tips, such as the nutritional difference between chocolate chunk ice cream and low-fat yogurt. But the usual food choices haven't gone anywhere.

"I'm not a very healthy guy," freshman Jerry Rowland said as he went straight for the cheeseburger station.

But other students enjoy the change.

"This seems to be a very popular thing in the cafeteria. It's nice that they did this for us," sophomore Brad Stewart said.

The program is only meant to give students a healthy alternative, not force anyone to eat salad. "The burgers and fries are still here," Creveling said. "If you want to eat them, you're more than welcome."

Hillside sewage pipe breaks

by Lyndsay Smith
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, a pipe leading from Hillside's second floor restroom cracked causing a leak, which prevented everyone from using the main entrance.

On the night of November 14, two girls were leaving the building when they noticed what they thought was water dripping through the light fixture between two front doorways. They turned back to inform the person who was desk-sitting, then went to the RD, Susan Rhody. Shortly after Rhody went to check it out, whatever was dripping began to flow out, "like someone was pouring water from a pitcher," she said. By now, the liquid clearly had a yellow tint.

Residents and visitors had to use the doorway located in the building's annex in order to dodge the yellow flow, the damp floor and the giant garbage can placed to catch the liquid.

"It was a pain for us to go through the annex entrance because we just weren't used to it," sophomore Bethany Zak said.

The pipe got clogged due to a foreign object being flushed, which caused the pipe to either burst or crack, leaving the liquid to leak through the ceiling. Rhody said the toilets were drained, but there was no liquid on the floor, meaning the leak was coming from the plumbing system. Rhody called the Physical Plant, who sent a crew out the next morning. The workers cleaned it up within four hours.

Kengersky receives highest PR honor

by Megan Sigler
Staff Writer

Amanda Kengersky, a senior public relations and English major, recently received the Renaissance Award from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Kengersky, along with the public relations faculty, could not be more proud of her accomplishment.

"I am honored to receive the Renaissance Award," said Kengersky. "The award speaks to the great education and the awesome educators at Westminster."

The Renaissance Award recognizes an outstanding Western Pennsylvania undergraduate student in public relations each year. It is based on academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, letters of endorsement and essays.

Kengersky said that her strong Westminster background made her the most eligible for the award.

"The public relations program at Westminster, combined with my English and other liberal arts classes, truly prepared me to understand public relations and write the four essays," she said.

Mrs. Delores Natale, visiting public relations lecturer and one of Kengersky's instructors, claims that it was Kengersky's writing ability that set her apart from the competition. According to Bob O'Gara, communications professor at Point Park College and chair of the awards committee, the choice was an easy one based on the essays she composed.

Kengersky received this award and the $1,000 scholarship that accompanies it at a Nov. 12 dinner hosted by the Public Relations Society at the Pittsburgh Sheraton at Station Square.

The public relations faculty attended the dinner with Kengersky to support her accomplishment.

"Westminster's program in PR is one of the very best in the country, so she was well-prepared and knowledgeable," said Dr. James Perkins, chair of the English and public relations department. "I am proud of what we do here at Westminster, in whatever major, one student at a time."

Though Kengersky is not sure about what she wants to do after graduation, she remains very involved here on campus. She is an associate member of the college's Board of Trustees, secretary of the college charter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, a tour guide for the Student Westminster Admissions Team, and former editor-in-chief of the Argo yearbook.

Kengersky's advice to underclassmen public relations majors is to keep an open mind.

"Keep your mind open to every opportunity," she said. "Everyone is different, so make your own path. Also, apply for the Renaissance Scholarship. You could get it!"

This is the second time in the last three years that a Westminster student has won the award. Meghan Duda, a 2001 graduate, who is currently the campaign finance director for Pennsylvania Representative English, was honored with the Renaissance Award two years ago.

Advertising students create campaigns

by Elizabeth Grepp
Staff Writer

Westminster prides itself in preparing students for the real world; it's a part of the liberal arts curriculum and one of the attractions of the college. Each semester, the public relations advertising class does a project that helps to prepare students for graduation and the work force after graduation.

The project is a comprehensive group assignment. The purpose of the project is to help the students apply everything that they have learned in the course in order to create an advertising campaign for a local business. In the past students have worked with businesses such as Beer For Less and Koncar Fencing.

Most students who take the class are public relations majors. Sophomore Megan Sigler is currently enrolled in the class. Her group is doing an advertising campaign for Crowell Construction. Her primary job within the group is to proofread the final paper.

She believes that the project offers many benefits for public relations majors. "I feel that this project will help me in the future because it's applying what we have learned in class to the real world," Sigler said. In addition, she feels the project will be a valuable learning experience.

Junior Rachel Lawrence is another public relations major currently enrolled in the class. She is in the same group as Sigler. Lawrence's responsibilities within the group differ from Sigler's, however. "I have to do the execution and the evaluation parts of the paper," Lawrence said.

Lawrence also feels that the project will be a valuable learning experience. "I think it is a great idea to have to do this project," she said. "It helps students get a feel for what advertising is about, and what responsibilities go into making this project a success."

Sigler also offers advice to students who are registered for the class next semester. "Begin to look at ads from an advertiser's point of view as well as a consumer's point of view," she said. "And use your imagination!"

Campus recycling issues

by Elisa Suber
Staff Writer

While some of the clear recycling bags used in the recycling bins around campus seemed to have been replaced with regular garbage bags, this is simply a mistake.

Owen Wagner, director of Physical Plant, said that clear bags are still supposed to be used.

"It is possible that on occasion one may slip in, but our policy is clear bags for recycling," Wagner said.

Wagner also said to contact him if misplaced bags are spotted in the recycling bins. His e-mail address is wagnero@westminster.edu.

Junior Katie Scarlett had noticed that clear bags were typically used, but did not know that they were supposed to be used.

"I didn't know it was that big of a deal," Scarlett said. "I just figured they ran out of clear ones, and just used whatever they could get their hands on."

As for other recycling reminders, high-grade office paper should go in one bin, while co-mingled glass, plastic and metal should be placed in another. Custodians then carry the bins to a central location on campus where a waste hauler collects it.

Wagner added that it is part of the students' responsibility to make sure recycling goes as smoothly as possible.

"Our program is dependent on people putting the material in the right collection container," Wagner said.

In Pennsylvania, recycling became mandatory in July 1988 when Act 101, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Water Reduction Act, was passed.

As a part of the Mercer County Recycling Program (MCRP), Wilmington Township now has a permanent drop-off recycling depot accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the Township Building on 35 Auction Rd. At this site, they collect corrugated cardboard, newspapers, magazines, #1 and #2 plastics, aluminum, tin, and steel/ bimetallic cans, and green, brown and clear plastic bottles. Students wishing to volunteer for service hours can contact Linda Jennings at (724) 946-8074.

Students serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters to local youth

by Sarah Patterson
Staff-Writer

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organization has been supporting youth by nurturing and developing a stronger lifestyle for nearly a century, serving hundreds of thousands of children in over 5,000 communities.

Keturah Laney, the Chaplin's Assistant and Visa Fair Coordinator, has helped students find a match with a child in need from Lawrence County or Downtown New Castle. The students can sign up twice a year in the fall and in the spring at the Big Brothers and Big Sisters booth at the activities fair.

For the children who are not matched, Big Brothers and Big Sisters also set up after school activities with other non-matched children. On average, out of 60 to 80 students who sign up to be a big brother or big sister, only 20 actually commit.

"This is normally a decent rate but this year it has been low. It is a hard project to spread information about due to the individualizing of the organization," Laney said.

Junior Craig Carlin has been a big brother for a year. Being the youngest in his family, Carlin always wanted a younger brother.

"I always wanted to work with younger kids in need and wanted to be a role model for them," he said.

Carlin has the chance to be not only a father figure for a young man, but a friend.

"Normally I would like to spend three hours with my little brother, but with school it is hard to balance time, so I get to hang out with him once every two weeks," Carlin said.

Carlin's little brother Colin, who has been with Big Brothers and Big Sisters for eleven years, enjoys hanging, watching football and going bowling.

Sophomore Amanda McAvoy loves working with children and does not mind volunteering her time to help others.

"We go to the mall, hang out on campus or watch movies. It is great knowing that I am making a difference," she said.

Some stress tips and strategies for final survival

by Erica Tallo
Staff Writer

The semester is almost over and that can mean only one thing: vacation. There will finally be time away from college life, rural scenery and the everything-but-home-cooking in the cafeteria.

Unfortunately, it is not that simple. Your bags may be packed, your Christmas lists down to the last minute necessities and plans already set to see your best friend. But before you can kick back, relax and enjoy your time away from Westminster, you must live through the inevitable: finals.

"You would think I'd be used to them by now, but I'm not. I swear they get worse each time around. It's no wonder we have such a long break. We need the time in order to recover from the stress that finals put on us," senior, Amanda Cassady, said.

Not much can be said to make a student less intimidated by an hour-and-a-half exam. Focusing too much on those 90 minutes of life, however, is unhealthy. The Health Center, located in Shaw Hall, will be providing a massage therapist on Monday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 12 p.m-4 p.m. This is a good opportunity to take some time away from the books and give your body some quality relaxation. A good massage can benefit body, mind and spirit.

"I think a lot of people will be surprised by how much tension they can escape from by just sitting through a 30 minute massage. I got one last semester and it was really helpful," junior, Stacy Oprisu said.

Stress Management Expert, Susie Mantell, makes a few other suggestions in an article on "Stress Tips & Strategies" that may help reduce the stress associated with finals week:

1.) Not everything that is important is urgent. Learn to prioritize and to weed out everything that is not in need of immediate attention. Do not make more stress out of things you will have time to fix later.

2.) If you are feeling worn-out, try consulting a massage therapist. It can be a great mind/body aiding resource.

3.) Try to maintain as balanced a routine as possible. Get as much work accomplished during the day in order to get enough sleep at night.

4.) Remember to H.A.L.T. Never let yourself get too hungry, angry, lonely or tired.

If all else fails and you find yourself in need of a last resort to stay calm, cool and collected during finals week, look to humor. Humor comes highly recommended by Mantell as a stress reliever. Just try and answer a few of these mind-boggling questions: If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know? How come abbreviation is such a long word? Why isn't phonics spelled the way it sounds?

Just think, even if you could not find any reasonable answers to these questions, at least you were able to stop thinking about your finals for a minute or two. Now you are a whole minute or two closer to being finished with them for another semester.

Instant Messenger: Is it worth the madness?

by McKenzie Crowell
Staff Writer

It is an addiction running wild through college campuses nationwide, and Westminster is by no means exempt. Unknowingly, students fall victim every day. Homework is put on the backburner. Exercise is thrown by the wayside. But what is it that has caused AOL Instant Messenger to become so popular?

For most people, Instant Messenger provides a chance to stay in touch while avoiding the high costs of a long distance phone bill. Hours are spent typing to people all over the country. Files are sent back and forth throughout campus, and reading away messages is practically a national pastime.

"AIM is my lifeline out of New Wilmington. I have fun chatting and it helps me stay connected with the real world," sophomore Angie Thompson said.

Nevertheless, using Instant Messenger is not all fun and games, especially for the staff in charge of the network systems. According to Don Goodlin, Communications Network Engineer, the effects of AOL Instant Messenger depend on how it is used. When used just to chat, AIM has no real effect on the system, but once students start sending files, it becomes a whole new ballgame.

Branislav Cikel, Assistant Network Manager, agreed.

"Messaging alone does not take up that much bandwidth, but once you start sending files, like MP3s, traffic could definitely increase," Cikel said.

Bandwidth determines how much data can be sent along a network connection. The college has set aside separate amounts of bandwidth, one for the internet and one specifically for Instant Messenger. This feature helps to maintain the speed of the network. If the two lines were not in place, the network would ultimately slow down due to excessive amounts of downloads and file transfers.

"Because we have a different channel for AIM, the speed of the internet is not affected by the excessive use of Instant Messenger," Goodlin said.

Some days are slow and some are faster than normal, but each of us has a hand in how well the network operates. The best way to ensure an efficient network speed is to keep file sharing to a minimum. This will allow the entire campus to enjoy a speedy network.

Students to bowl stress away Sat.

by Erin Quinlan
Staff Writer

It is the time of year for college students to strap on their thinking caps. The College Bowl is right around the corner, and the college is setting high goals for the students.

SGA is organizing and administering the College Bowl, "a workout of the mind," which gives students an opportunity to show off their smarts. It is a game of academic knowledge and quick recall. Like the popular radio and television series of the 50s, 60s and 70s, the game features two teams of four players, each competing to score points to toss-up and bonus questions. The questions cover a broad array of topics from literature, science, history, geography, religion, social sciences, multicultural topics, popular culture, sports and current events.

Westminster is among more than 300 institutions of higher education participating this year. In it's 25th year, the College Bowl campus program is a popular tradition on America's campuses. Twenty-six teams from Westminster participated in the College Bowl last year.

"Even though last year was a good turn-out, we are hoping to get more teams together," SGA's Academic Chair, Christina Contes said.

The first step of the College Bowl will take place on Dec. 7, when competition begins with the Campus Tournament. The SGA will select the Varsity Team. The traveling teams will advance to the regional championship tournament at Susquehanna University. Fifteen regional champions and a wild card team will advance to the national championship tournament, scheduled for April 26-28.

"This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in an activity that will make the college proud," SGA's Treasurer, Carolee Reed said. The SGA is looking forward to the competition and hopes to attract many participants.

Campus sidewalks: Why so random?

by Jennifer Raub
Staff Writer

Ever wonder why there are so many sidewalks leading nowhere? Ever find yourself walking through the muddy grass to take the quickest route to lunch? Well, there is a reason for all the sidewalks.

Owen Wagner, director of Physical Plant, explained that there is a reason for every sidewalk and its placement. Students have affected the placement of sidewalks.

"We kind of watch the traffic patterns. We look to see where the students are walking when they go to classes, to the dining hall and to their dorms and from there we determine where and if a new sidewalk must be put in," Wagner said.

Sidewalks are constructed for numerous reasons aside from students' traffic patterns. Law requirements, handicap accessibility and egress for safety all impact sidewalk location.

photo by Kristin Park

Campus Sidewalks

"The sidewalks seem to go in a roundabout pattern, they don't go straight to one point," sophomore Steph Toth said.

There are no current intentions of adding more sidewalks or removing existing sidewalks.

If students have any questions or concerns about the sidewalks, they can contact Physical Plant at ext. 7019.

Campus Sociology Interest Group small but mighty

by Justin Robinson
Staff Writer

SIG can stand for a lot of things, but for Westminster students it is known as the Sociology Interest Group.

This group consists mostly of sociology majors and minors, though it is open to anyone interested in the field of sociology. There is a wide variety of careers that involve sociology, and the goal of the group is to find exactly what areas the individuals are most interested in.

Sociology Professor Dr.Virginia Tomlinson leads SIG, and feels everyone can benefit from being in a campus oriented group.

"These groups are great places to learn leadership skills and work together with the other students," she said.

Though SIG has only 15 participants, Tomlinson wants them to get the most out of being involved in the group. They meet every three weeks to plan events and programs. This fall they held a career night where 4 people talked about the fields they work in, all of which varied, including law enforcement, the peace core, working with needy families, and working for a correctional institute.

"With so many ways that you can use a sociology degree, it is important to find the path to take with it," junior sociology major Dave Benson said.

The group has activities planned for the spring including a trip to the State Correctional Institute in Pittsburgh and inviting those who have done sociology related internships to talk with SIG about finding the right internship.

"SIG can really do activities in the program that supplement what we do in class," Tomlinson said.

"Being in SIG provides me with an opportunity to be involved in things I normally wouldn't have a chance to do," junior sociology major Jill Klobusnik said.

Art majors lacking necessary equipment

by Jessica Bevan
Staff Writer

College is the place where young adults come to prepare for their careers. They learn to use the tools necessary to perform well in the work world. But what if one of those important tools wasn't available?

Students who are studying media arts and visual communications at Westminster are missing a major tool. Mac computers, manufactured by Apple, are a staple in the media arts. However, there isn't a Mac to be found on this campus.

"I have never used a Mac computer for graphic design because WC has none," said junior Craig Carlin. "From what I have heard, Macs are faster for graphics, less complicated in operation, and altogether a better tool for graphic design."

The reason why Westminster does not have Macs is simple, according to a student employee at the computer help desk

"The network system just doesn't support Macs," sophomore Brad Kita said. "It's just one of those things that can't be helped."

Senior Aly Karg is a visual art communications major in the art program. She spent last year studying at the Art Institute in Pittsburgh. There, she had the chance to use Macs for most of her classes.

"I took classes at the Art Institute from July 2001 through August of 2002," Karg said. "If you are in this program you can choose from any of the concentrations they offer at AIP. While I was down there I chose photography. All of my classes for the year were learning to shoot with the various formats of cameras, learning to process and print what I shot, and learning to manipulate these images digitally. It was awesome."

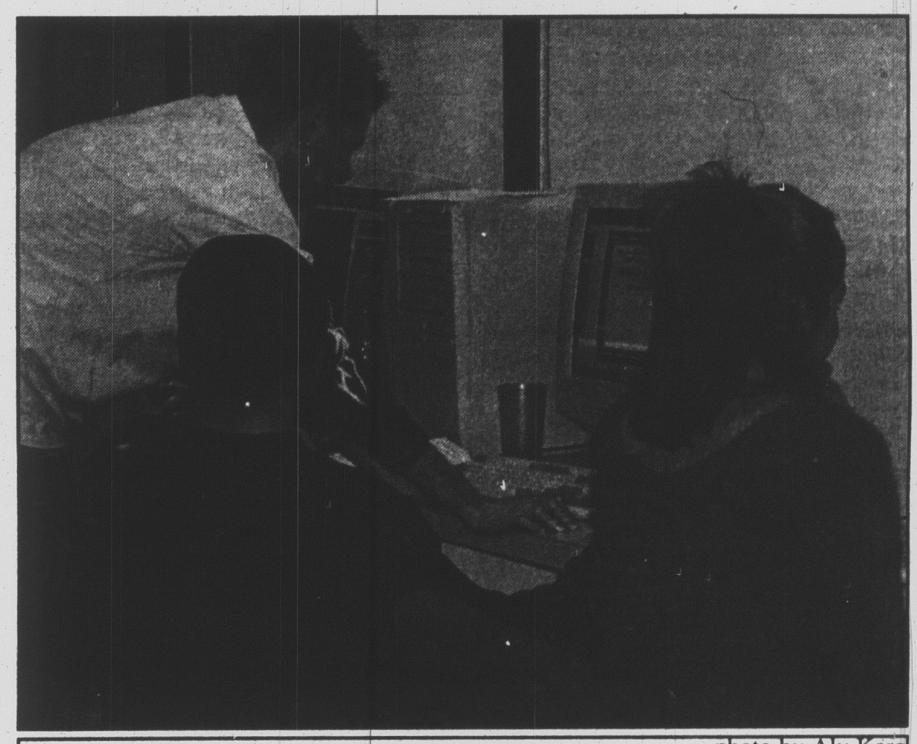

photo by Aly Karg

Thompson Clark graphics lab

Ultimately, not having the proper learning tools could affect the chances a student has once they leave school and enter the job market. Nonetheless, Westminster students do have options, like spending a year at the Art Institute. There they have the opportunity to experience the specifics in their field.

"If you're looking for a job in the art field, you have to be efficient using a Mac," Karg said. "Westminster is not really considered an "art" school, however. For those people who are really interested in commercial art, I would recommend the year at the Art Institute. That way you'll be able to use both Macs and PCs."

Even still, other students are concerned about what they are missing with the lack of these computers.

"I'm sure when I get a job I will be able to catch on to using a Mac quickly, but I would still like to see the college invest in a few Mac computers so students have at least some opportunity to use the type of computer the world is using for graphics," Carlin said. "If I were an employer, and I had Mac computers for graphic designing, I would definitely hire someone with experience on a Mac over someone who has never used a Mac."

Sigma Kappa sorority kicks off Toys 4 Tots holiday present drive

by Stacey Babyak
Staff Writer

The sisters of Sigma Kappa kick off the holiday season with their philanthropy's annual "Toy 4 Tots" shopping spree on Saturday, Dec. 7.

In the spirit of the holiday, the Lawrence County Family Services have collaborated with the Sigma Kappa sorority to help underprivileged children.

"This is just one of our philanthropic events where the sisters donate their service to helping children who are less fortunate. It's also a nice way for other members of the campus community to get involved and spread a little holiday cheer," Sigma Kappa president Melanie Piddington said.

Members of Sigma Kappa asked for volunteers on campus to help make the event possible.

"We need people with a little bit of time and a small piece of love to make this event a success," junior Pam Englert said.

Students will travel to the Lawrence Village Plaza K-Mart early Saturday morning. Children associated with the Lawrence County Family Services make a list of family members they wish to shop for. Each student pairs up with a child and helps him or her buy presents for their families within a designated budget. Other volunteers station themselves around the store to aid in the shopping and gift-wrapping.

"I think it is very beneficial for the sorority to do activities such as this because I feel it really brings about the quality of a community and what they need to do to benefit people in need," sophomore Tara Timpano said.

To gain publicity and support, letters were sent to campus organizations to inform members of the event. Male and female volunteers were asked to sign up by Tuesday, Nov. 26. Those who are interested can contact Sigma Kappa philanthropy chair Pam Englert.

The "Toys 4 Tots" shopping spree is a nationally recognized K-mart project. The event is made possible through fundraising efforts of K-mart employees.

Sigma Kappa also sponsors the Miss Titan pageant held in the spring. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's research.

Governor visits campus to donate a 1.7 million dollar check for arts

by Nikki Pencak
Staff Writer

Governor Mark Schweiker didn't have much time to stay and chat when he stopped at Westminster College on November 21. However, the brevity of his visit was overshadowed by the 1.7 million dollar check he gave to the school.

New Wilmington was one of the Governor's stops on his whirlwind tour of Pennsylvania. In only 5 ½ days, he stopped at 37 different locations in order to promote his "Celebration of the New Pennsylvania" tour. The money the Governor gave to the college will go towards furthering cultural development in Pennsylvania. Combined with the 1.7 million dollars raised by Westminster, Schweiker's donation will support the creation of a Western Pennsylvania Cultural Arts Center.

As is the case for other small Pennsylvania towns, New Wilmington is an area in which Governor Schweiker hopes to promote cultural growth. Due to events such as the Celebrity Series shows, the Governor considers the college to be the epicenter of culture in New Wilmington, and he offered financial support to the college so that it may enrich the community even further.

The cultural enrichment plan is also geared towards the goal of attracting more people to the New Wilmington area and the consequent economic resurgence following such an influx of people. One proposed idea to reach this goal is the development of a Westminster summer music camp for high school students.

Governor Schweiker explained the importance behind attempts to create more cultural opportunities in Pennsylvania by stating, "For a community to be whole, there need to be outlets and options. The arts represent an option of sorts."

Westminster women serve as laboratory guinea pigs

by Kate Sweeney
Staff Writer

This weekend, 19 Westminster women became lab rats. Through a study offered by Novum Pharmaceutical Research Services in Pittsburgh, the students were chosen to participate in a weekend testing process.

The purpose of the study was to compare the effects of two different creams, mometasone furoate and corticosteroid formulation, on patients' forearms to see how the body takes in and eliminates medications. The intended effect is a "blanching" or whiting response. Most times, the reaction is only visible to a trained eye. Overall, the study makes generic drugs approved by the Federal Drug Administration to be just as effective as the name brands. The drugs are then made available to the public.

To be considered for the study, the women went through hours of questioning, sampling and prepping. Of the 80 participants who applied for the program, 22 were eligible, and 19 were taken to the Novum clinics on Friday.

Once at the clinic, the cream was applied in small doses to the arms. A special camera called a chromameter, which is sensitive to changes in the skin, measured the amount of blanching that took place.

Besides being present for the chromameter readings, which were timed to the second, the women spent the weekend relaxing in scrubs.

"I mostly just relaxed and watched movies. I did reading for my classes and got a lot of work done," said junior participant Rachel Smith.

While most considered the medical research an interesting experience, the clinical setting sometimes created an eerie atmosphere.

"I was neutral to the experience. I felt really isolated and sometimes like I was a patient in a mental hospital. But, the money was definitely worth it," said sophomore Brooke Arens.

Once the women completed their last reading and checked out, they were handed a check for $200. With the holiday season coming up, the money was a large motivation for participation in the study.

"I would go back and do another study. Next time, I'd get more of my friends to come down with me and get paid to hang out for the weekend," Smith said.

Students look forward to upcoming winter break

by Michael Farner
Staff Writer

An entire semester has come and gone again, which means that after students finish their last finals, papers and presentations, they must pack their bags and head home. Even though everyone comes from a different background, most students look forward to the things that their homes provide that they can't get from their college experiences.

"It is great to get out of here," said senior Robert E. Fisher. "I can not wait to go home to my own bed, my puppies and kitties, my family, my friends, and my job. The only thing that makes me want to stay here is my friends, but they all live within a reasonable distance from me."

Although Fisher made some good points, here is a sampling of how other students plan to take up their time over their breaks.

"I am spending time with my brother and his fiancé, and then my family is going to the great white north of Colorado for a skiing trip," junior Kristen Nicklin said.

"I am going to work three jobs so that I can afford books next semester," junior Chris Borsani said.

"I am going to spend time with my fiancé, and work as many hours that I can," Robert E. Lyles said. "I am also going to eat 'lots' of food, then I will go on a diet after the first of the year."

"Sleeping is a priority, other than that I will probably be seen shopping or working. I am not too sure about that whole job thing though," junior Courtney DiVito said.

"I am going on a road trip to Boston with my cousin, and then I am going to Texas for a few weeks to see my boyfriend. Hopefully besides that I will be working a lot to have some money for next semester," said an adventurous Rachel Lawrence.

"I will hopefully be working over break. I hope to also visit friends from school and spending time with my best friend," said sophomore Megan Marshall.

"I will be working and traveling to see my family in Pittsburgh. Also, I will be spending lots of money two or three days before Christmas as I do my last minute Christmas shopping," said junior David DiDesiderio.

"I will be enjoying my house! Real food, cozy bed....everything else is just a bonus," Melissa Batulis said.

"I have made so many great friends here, but it will be a good change of pace to go back to what I had known for so many years.... The way I look at it is that we will all be back in like five weeks to have more time to make some lasting memories," freshman Tricia Burich said.

Inter-Fraternity Council elects new executive board members

by Christopher Borsani
Staff Writer

Each December marks the start of a new executive council for the Inter-Fraternity Council.

On Nov. 24, the IFC switched to its new executive council for the 2003 school year. The IFC is the group who is in charge of running all the fraternities. They establish and uphold the rules for party nights, fraternity happy bus drivers, and guys' pick up day, which is the most important concern with IFC.

"I think that the new execs will help improve rushing because the rules have already been established and it will be arranged with a better understanding of what to do," said IFC President Marcus Corvino.

There are five executive positions available for each of the five fraternities. The executive positions rotate by year so that one fraternity does not always have jurisdiction over the others. The new executive committee is Corvino of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Vice-President Greg Smith of Theta Chi, Treasurer Brian Glass of Alpha Sigma Phi, Secretary Jonathan Bursich of Phi Kappa Tau, and Rush Chair Thomas Kaminsky of Sigma Nu.

Matt Pournaras, former vice-president of IFC, is confident in the new board's abilities. "I am confident in the new executive board and what they can do," he said. "I just hope that there are no problems that they are not able to handle."

The transition period between the old and new executive councils should be an easy one. All of the current members have been to many of the IFC meetings and have seen what IFC is all about. Both Dean John Lechner and Coach Scott Renninger serve as advisors to help with the overall running of the group.

With Greek life numbers declining, not only on Westminster's campus, but around the country, IFC is geared to help stabilize the five fraternities on campus.

Junior Alpha Sigma Phi member David DiDesiderio has a positive outlook on IFC. "It is nice that the college has an organization that works with the fraternal system to keep it alive and thriving," DiDesiderio said.

Guys' pick up day is approaching swiftly and that means that the IFC is working hard to get ready for it. Among the things being prepared are dates for the smoker videos. Since guys' pick up is happening much earlier this year than in years past, IFC is pressed for time.

IFC meetings are open to anyone who is in a fraternity and wants to get involved. If you would like to know more, contact your fraternity's IFC representative and find out what you can do to help.

Pre-Law Association provides students with a career preview

by Megan Marshall
Staff Writer

The Pre-Law Association is a club of 35 members who are interested in the study of law.

The goal of the association is to prepare students for law school through meetings, law school visits and guest speakers. It enables students who are interested in pursuing a career in law to find out what they can expect in their future.

"I've learned that it's a lot of work to prepare for the LSATs and that they are really difficult," said sophomore Russ Mills, president of the association.

The group focuses on providing information concerning options available in a legal career, the process of applying to and choosing a law school, and the kinds of undergraduate coursework and experience that provide the best preparation for law school.

Specifically, the club prepares members for their future through course suggestions and field trips. Advisor Dr. Edward Cohen suggests that the members take such law-related courses as Constitutional Law, Sociology of Law and Logic. This year, the club is going to the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. from March 23-24 in order to obtain a greater law experience.

"[The club] has given me an understanding of what law school is all about," said Mills. "It takes a lot of dedication, hard work, and determination."

Membership is open to any student who has an interest in the legal profession and wishes to become better informed and enhance his/her qualifications for law school. For more information about the club, contact advisor Dr. Cohen or Mills.

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Inside is usually a joke on a piece of paper and a paper party hat.

In Haiti, the traditions are as varied as the different towns.

"The cultural traditions differ from town to town, like games and cooking and dinner." said international student Fritz Julien.

The celebration starts around midnight on the Dec. 23. Families usually stay up all night as dinner can be served as early as 3 a.m. Dinner with the family is an important tradition in Haiti. People do not decorate a tree, hang stockings or display many decorations. Instead, they enjoy a large dinner and party games. The legendary Santa Claus figure, known as Per Noel, visits the homes very early on Dec. 24. He travels from town to town, humbly dressed in peasant clothes and a straw hat, carrying a bag of presents on his back. He puts a present on the children's pillows while they sleep.

On Christmas day, it is common to see children tossing and waving "etrals" (meaning stars) that are similar to fourth of July sparklers. One may want to keep a close eye on his belongings and livestock on this day as Julien explains, "it's the only time you can steal; its acceptable."

The Christmas festivities are celebrated up until January 1, which is Haitian Independence Day. A traditional dish served on this day is pumpkin soup. One takes the juice of a pumpkin, and adds noodles, meat and potatoes. Haitians celebrate New Years on January 2. Children get up early, dress up and go door to door, welcoming the neighbors into the New Year. It is tradition for adults to give these visitors change and wish them a happy new year. Later on, everyone celebrates with another large meal.

"Its probably the biggest meal of the year," Julien said, "[with] half a bucket of rice and a whole cow!"

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Elephant kills zoo worker

Pittsburgh, Pa. (AP) The elephant barn at Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium has been reopened to visitors, officials announced yesterday.

A young female, a young male, and three adult females, including the elephant that killed a keeper two weeks ago, can be seen between noon and 4 p.m. daily.

Spokeswoman Connie George says that while long-range plans are being developed, keepers will be separated from the animals by a barrier, mainly because of staffing constraints. "We've lost our key elephant trainer and we don't have a replacement readily available," she said. "Until we are able to get more experienced elephant staff, with many years of experience, we'll remain primarily protected contact."

As opposed to protected contact, free contact care, in which the keepers may be in the stalls or yard with unrestrained animals, may be used if a medical problem arises or during the few minutes when the elephants are being moved from one area of the barn to another. The keepers used both protected and free contact methods before the accident.

Elephant manager Willie Theison, now working at a German zoo, returned briefly last week to "assess the elephants he knows so well," as George put it.

"He determined that the elephants are healthy and behaving normally," she said. "However, the elephant involved in the accident was showing some signs of stiffness as a result of being pushed into the pool by two other elephants [on] the Saturday morning before the accident."

George added there was no evidence to substantiate theories that M., the elephant that killed keeper Mike Gatti, was irritable because of her injuries, or that Gatti slipped and startled her, causing her to attack. Also, tests following the attack have shown that M.'s blood is normal and her stiffness has improved.

Theison will be back to consult at the Pittsburgh zoo Dec. 14 for an unspecified period. Meanwhile, the elephants are being cared for by three keepers, mammal curator Amos Morris and general curator Lee Nesler.

A national search for experienced elephant keepers will be conducted. George says it's possible that more than two people will be hired.

"We're going to develop a long-range plan over the next several weeks with our elephant management team," which includes Nesler, Morris, zoo director Barbara Baker and Theison, whose familiarity with the herd makes him influential, George said.

"He didn't make any recommendations at this point that I can discuss," she added.

For now, the five elephants are kept in the barn, which has four large rooms and a hallway that are connected by hydraulic gates. M. and her female calf typically stayed in a separate room from the others only at night, but that has been the arrangement around the clock since the accident. They touch and smell and interact with the rest of the herd through the gates.

If weather permits, the herd might be allowed into a bullpen but, for now, won't be in the main yard.

"It's very possible that it could change sooner, like if the staff says they definitely need to exercise," George said.

Investigators from the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been at the zoo, but have not yet issued reports. The American Zoo and Aquarium Association has no plans to investigate, George said.

Board chairwoman Linda Dickerson commended the staff, and Baker in particular, for their dedication and compassion and extended condolences to Gatti's family on behalf of the zoo. The board will review Theison's observations and recommendations, paying particular heed to maintaining high-quality animal care and keeper safety.

Zoo officials are also planning to honor Gatti and memorialize his love of animals, George said.

Brewery fails to pay bills

Pittsburgh, Pa. (AP) A long-simmering dispute over unpaid bills bubbled over yesterday, with the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority threatening to shut off a key ingredient in Pittsburgh Brewing's beer — the water.

The city's largest and oldest brewery won a five-day reprieve from Common Pleas Court, but it's clear patience is running thin at the authority over debts dating back to 1996.

Common Pleas Judge Robert Gallo yesterday ordered that water be kept on through Saturday while the Lawrenceville brewery and the water and sewer authority attempt to resolve the dispute. The authority had notified the brewery yesterday that it intended to terminate service today between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The authority said the maker of Iron City and I.C. Light owes it $3.7 million plus penalties and interest. Although the dispute has been building for years, this is the first time the authority has threatened to shut off service. In fact, even when unpaid bills totaled $2.5 million in February, authority officials said there was no deadline for resolving the dispute.

Leniency is apparently no longer an option.

"They made some promises that they haven't lived up to," said Greg Tutsock, executive director of the water and sewer authority.

In August, the agency filed liens against the brewery for more than $651,000 in unpaid bills. Nearly $1.6 million in liens were filed late last year and early this year, while $941,000 in liens were filed in the summer of 2000.

Allegheny County Sanitary Authority spokeswoman Nancy Barylak said the last time the brewery made a sewage bill payment to the agency was in December 1998.

However, Alcosan doesn't have the authority to shut off service. That's the water authority's job. The water authority pays Alcosan for a customer's delinquent bills, then goes after the customer for the money, Barylak said.

In the past, Pittsburgh Brewing owner Joe Piccirilli has maintained he has been overcharged for water and sewer service and has promised to pay whatever the brewery owes over time.

Robert O Lampl, the brewery's attorney, said Gallo ordered the parties to attempt to settle the dispute by today and appear before him at a hearing this afternoon. If no agreement is reached by then, the judge has scheduled a Sunday hearing on whether to grant a preliminary injunction preventing the shutoff, Lampl said.

The dispute threatens the jobs of about 200 workers at the brewery, who have suffered through a succession of owners who had problems paying their bills. Piccirilli has been no exception.

Pittsburgh Brewing is delinquent on a five-year, $1.4 million loan it received in 1996 from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority. According to reports prepared for city officials, the brewery's problems paying off loans from National City have prompted the bank to take its payments directly from the brewery's cash.

The widow of former brewery president Harvey Sanford obtained a $60,780 judgment against the brewery in August over the company's failure to pay her the pension she is entitled to following her husband's death in 1997. The brewery has been paying off that amount, said Charles Kenrick, the attorney for Betty Sanford.

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Chief executive will not postpone charges

PITTSBURGH (AP) Allegheny County's chief executive says he won't accept proposed changes County Council is expected to make to his $650 million budget for next year.

The Democrat-controlled council has suggested changes to Chief Executive Jim Roddey's budget that would add about $2.7 million in spending, including increases for nine of the county's 10 row offices.

Roddey, a Republican, already has been pushing a plan to eliminate seven elected row offices in a referendum next year. As part of his budget plan, he cut spending for six of the row offices.

"I can't accept council devastating our programs to get more money to the [row offices]," Roddey said.

Council is expected to meet Tuesday to vote on the changes it has made to Roddey's proposed budget. Roddey can veto changes to his budget.

Police investigate death

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) State police were investigating the death of an elderly woman who was found face down in a field after driving away from her sister's home.

Lucille Marion Waugaman, of Saltsburg, was last seen by her sister at about 6 p.m. Saturday at her home in Slickville, Westmoreland County.

Police began a search using helicopters and ground patrols after the woman's car was found Sunday at the end of a road in Nowrytown, Indiana County.

Waugaman was spotted from the air lying face down in a wooded area about a half mile from her car, not far from where she once lived, police said.

Waugaman was flown to Allegheny General hospital, where she died around 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Allegheny County Coroner's office planned to conduct an autopsy to determine a cause of death.

New ferry boat terminal

ERIE, Pa. (AP) Work is expected to begin in a few weeks on the final phase of the city's Cruise and Ferry Boat Terminal, which would allow large ships to dock.

In addition to allowing Great Lakes cruise ships to dock, the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority also hopes to run a high-speed ferry service from Erie to Canada.

The $854,000 contract to install reinforcing sheet piling along the dock wall will likely go to the Chivers Construction company of Erie, the port authority said.

The Great Lakes cruising season typically runs from spring through late fall.

"We hope to award the contract in a couple of weeks. The work should take four or five months," said Raymond Schreckengost, the Port Authority's executive director.

NATIONAL

Tuition rise threatens students

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Most of the 20 states that offer prepaid college tuition plans are raising rates to stay afloat amid concerns the economic downturn and rising school fees could cause multimillion-dollar deficits.

Some states also limited the number of new families allowed in the programs by shortening enrollment periods.

The plans allow parents to lock in the current cost of tuition for use in the future either by purchasing "units" of tuition or contracts with states. The money is released when the child is ready for college.

Costs are based on tuition and fees at four-year public universities, which according to the College Board went up 9.6 percent on average nationwide this academic year. That was far more than states had anticipated when they set rates.

When the fiscal year ended June 30, many of the 20 states projected that they could have multimillion-dollar deficits over the next 10 to 15 years if the economic slump continues and tuitions keep rising. Until then, states that opened prepaid tuition plans in the 1990s had projected surpluses.

For now, Pennsylvania's program will not be affected, state Treasurer Barbara Hafer said yesterday. But that could change next year if there is another round of double-digit tuition increases for the upcoming academic year.

"We're sound this year but we can't take another round," she said. "We are just hoping again that the Legislature doesn't permit the state-related and state-owned [universities] to have double-digit [increases]. If they do, we'll have to review it."

"There's no reason to panic right now," said Diana Cantor, chairwoman of the College Savings Plans Network and executive director of Virginia's fund. "It's just an indication that if things continue along the same path, there could be a problem."

Despite rising costs for prepaid tuition, parents still see the programs as a better alternative to waiting until their children are of college age.

"It's probably pretty much a foregone conclusion that tuition will not go down, so I'll continue to buy as many as I can," said Mark Gutter, an Ohio accountant who has three children ages 5, 8 and 12.

Ohio, which projected a potential $46 million hole, raised unit costs four times in the past year to $82 a unit, a 53 percent overall increase. The fund's executive director, Jackie Williams, said the cost could increase again if tuition at Ohio's 13 public four-year universities continues to rise.

The state Legislature eliminated a 6 percent cap on annual tuition increases around the same time the economy nosedived, causing the fund's investments to fall short of its projected 7.5 percent return rate.

West Virginia delayed its enrollment period two months to Nov. 1 and raised prices 15 percent. Those moves followed warnings in September that the state would be $16 million short if everyone invested in its tuition fund cashed in.

Tennessee, which projected a $6 million deficit, considered closing its program to new families, only changing its mind after lawmakers agreed to provide more education funds and cap tuition hikes. The program still raised prices 4 percent.

Cell phones cause dangerous roads

WASHINGTON (AP) The death toll from crashes caused by drivers talking on their wireless phones appears to be rising significantly as the devices become a must-have accessory for many Americans.

A study being released today by Harvard University's Center for Risk Analysis estimates a rate of 2,600 deaths a year in such crashes, compared with the same researchers' estimate of 1,000 fatalities only two years ago.

"The amount of time people spend using their cell phones while driving has increased, probably reflecting the fact that it is becoming cheaper to use the devices," said research scientist Joshua Cohen, the study's author.

The Harvard study also estimated that 570,000 injuries a year and 1.5 million crashes resulting in property damage can be blamed on wireless phone use.

The study will feed into a national debate that pits personal freedom and convenience against safety concerns.

Two federal agencies have recently stepped up efforts to understand how wireless phone use may contribute to accidents. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating wireless phones as a potential contributing factor in several recent serious crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is launching a study of how wireless phone use affects individual drivers, using the government's driving simulator facility in Iowa.

Nationwide, there is no uniform measure for tracking accidents in which wireless phone use may have been a factor. The Harvard study used mathematical models to estimate the risk of injury and death as well as the costs and benefits of using wireless phones while driving. The risk analysis center is part of Harvard's School of Public Health. The study concluded that the escalating costs of wireless phone-related accidents are erasing the economic benefits of unrestricted use of the devices by drivers.

Previous economic analysis by Harvard researchers had found that the benefits of being able to readily communicate for business or pleasure while on the road clearly outweighed the social costs of injuries and deaths in accidents.

Cohen's latest calculations found that the costs are now roughly equal to the benefits.

"The risk is growing, but the benefits are not keeping up," Cohen said. Such conclusions could bolster the case for restricting wireless phone use by drivers.

This year, at least 22 states considered legislation to restrict wireless phone use while driving, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. So far, only New York has enacted a partial prohibition. It does not allow drivers to use handheld phones. New Yorkers may use devices adapted for hands-free use, which are usually voice-activated and come with an earpiece and microphone.

It is too early to tell whether New York's law, which went into effect last year, is saving lives.

Wireless phone use is by no means the biggest menace on the roads. Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 17,448 deaths last year, while accidents involving speeding took 12,850 lives, according to federal statistics.

But much less is known about the link between wireless phone use and crashes than about the effects of alcohol or speeding. In most states, accident report forms used by police do not collect information on whether drivers were on the phone.

The wireless phone industry — which has more than 128 million customers — has refused to turn over customer records that would allow researchers to pinpoint whether drivers were in fact on the phone at the time of an accident.

A 1997 study of Canadian drivers who agreed to have their wireless phone records scrutinized found that the risk of an accident was four times greater while a driver was using the phone.

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Strip club robbed

ANCHORAGE (AP) A strip club in Anchorage was robbed early Monday by an armed man who also stole a car belonging to one of the employees, police said.

A masked man with a pistol came in the front door of the Crazy Horse Saloon about 3:30 a.m., just as workers were closing up.

The man ordered the two employees remaining in the saloon to lie down, and then he handcuffed them. The man then took money from two cash registers and a cash box. He tried to break into an ATM in the club, but couldn't open it.

The robber fled in an employees' 2002 Lincoln Navigator, which was recovered a short time later.

State imposes quarantine

VALLEY CENTER, Calif. (AP) State agriculture officials expect to impose a quarantine this week around avocado and citrus groves in north San Diego County to curb the spread of a Mexican fruit fly infestation.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is certain to impose a quarantine, but it was unclear how far it would reach, said spokesman Steve Lyle.

The department is currently assessing the extent of the infestation around Valley Center, an agricultural community 30 miles northeast of San Diego, Lyle said.

The quarantine could affect one thousand growers and $75 million worth of crops.

Fruit fly larvae were discovered on a grapefruit orchard last month, and county supervisors have declared a state of emergency in the area. The flies, which are native to central Mexico, spoil crops when adult females lay their eggs in fruit.

8th graders use alcohol

PHOENIX (AP) Nearly half of Arizona's eighth-graders, high school juniors and seniors have used alcohol in the past month, a new survey indicates.

The survey of 12,203 students statewide found 46.4 percent reported using alcohol in the past month. More than 69 percent said they had used alcohol in their lifetime.

The survey, conducted in January and February by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, is required biennially under state law.

The report, released Monday, also indicated that more students have used marijuana in the past month than cigarettes.

Traditionally, cigarettes are the second most commonly used substance by youth. But the Arizona survey indicated that 20.5 percent of students reported using marijuana in the past month while 16.5 percent reported smoking a cigarette.

Students who reported using cigarettes regularly, however, were more common than regular marijuana users.

Another unusual finding of the study, the commission reports, is that female students in Arizona generally reported higher use rates of alcohol, cigarettes and inhalants than males students. Previously, males have tended to report higher substance use rates than females.

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorist bombings in Kenya

MOMBASA, Kenya (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) Kenyan police questioned a dozen suspects yesterday in connection with Thursday's twin attacks on Israeli targets around this seaside city, seeking to establish who was responsible for the apparently coordinated attacks.

American sources said not enough evidence had been gathered to apportion blame for the suicide bombing of the Paradise Hotel near Mombasa, which killed 16 people and injured 40, or the unsuccessful attempt to bring down an Israeli airliner with two shoulder-fired missiles. But as Kenyan and Israeli officials continued to suggest that the attacks were the work of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization, a senior administration official in Washington said a Somali group with links to al-Qaida ranked high on the list of suspects.

Al-Ittihaad al-Islamiya, whose links to al-Qaida date to the early 1990s, was placed on the U.S. government's list of terrorist groups shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Last year, the Treasury Department said an Islamic banking organization that handled al-Qaida funds employed al-Ittihaad members in Somalia and funneled money to the terrorist organization.

While cautioning that there is no hard evidence yet pointing to the perpetrators of Thursday's bombing, the U.S. official said al-Qaida has "highlighted and saluted" al-Ittihaad and "its worldview mirrors al-Qaida's in general."

Police yesterday uncovered another body in the charred ruins of the Paradise Hotel on Mombasa's Indian Ocean beachfront, raising the number of dead there to 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the three unidentified bombers, who crashed a four-wheel-drive vehicle laden with explosives through into the hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m. Thursday - five minutes after two antiaircraft missiles fired from the ground narrowly missed an Israeli Boeing 757 as it took off from Mombasa's airport bound for Tel Aviv.

A previously unknown Palestinian group - the Government of Universal Palestine in Exile, the Army of Palestine - claimed responsibility for the deeds. But involvement by bin Laden and al-Qaida, blamed for the bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998, was widely suggested yesterday.

Although Israeli authorities said they had no solid evidence linking al-Qaida to the attacks, one senior official said: "Because of the pattern, it could be al-Qaida. If so, it's the first time Israel has been a target."

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon warned Thursday that "our long arm will catch the attackers and those who dispatch him," but Israeli officials said yesterday that their security agencies do not plan to extend their investigations of al-Qaida beyond the Kenyan attacks.

"We will be happy to cooperate with America, but I don't think we want an all-out war with al-Qaida," the senior Israeli official said. "We have enough on our plates."

Israel army radio, citing unspecified Arab media, yesterday identified one of the suspects in the Kenya attacks as Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah; a man by that name has been indicted in the United States for the 1998 embassy bombings. However, Kenyan police and U.S. sources said they were unaware of the information.

A team of Israeli forensic experts arrived in Mombasa yesterday to help Kenyan police reconstruct the bombers' vehicle, a green Mitsubishi Pajero. Police recovered a license plate, which could help determine the identities of the bombers, Kenyan Police Commissioner Philemon Abongo said.

Police also said investigators found a launcher for an SA-7 Strela, a Soviet-designed shoulder-fired surface-to-air missile, and two missile casings in the Changamwe area of Mombasa, about a mile from Moi International Airport.

The two missiles fired at the Arkia Airlines plane missed their target, and Israeli media reports yesterday speculated that the airliner have used decoy flares similar to those employed by combat aircraft to divert attacks. Some passengers on the plane reported hearing a small explosion or hearing a small jolt near the plane at the time of the attack.

The Israeli air force commander, Maj. Gen. Dan Halutz, told reporters that such countermeasures are available but are "not installed on most commercial aircraft, only on select ones."

Israeli media also reported that one of the two Boeing 757-300 planes that Arkia has in its fleet was used by Sharon last spring on his state visit to Washington. Officials declined to say whether the plane involved in Thursday's attack was the one Sharon used.

Few details were available about the 12 people questioned by police. Two were described as a husband and wife - one of whom carried an American passport - who checked out of the Le Soleil Beach Club 90 minutes after the bombing, said Ben Wafula, the manager of the hotel. But U.S. and Israeli intelligence sources said the two were not legitimate suspects and would be released soon.

The others were identified only as six Somalis and four Pakistanis, according to news services.

"Immediately after the incident we detained those for interrogation, and I feel they could give us useful information," said Abongo, the police commissioner, who said that some were brought in for questioning because they didn't have identification papers and were behaving suspiciously.

In Australia, the government said yesterday that it had received intelligence warnings two weeks ago of a threat in Mombasa and had urged its nationals then not to go there, news services reported. Ninety Australians were among the 185 people killed on Oct. 12 on the Indonesian island of Bali in bombings blamed on Islamic extremists.

"This advice was based on intelligence information that warned of possible terrorist attacks against Western interests in Mombasa," Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said in a statement. "Australia had no specific information about the timing, location or method of the possible attacks."

Sources in this predominantly Muslim resort city said they were also investigating an Islamic school called Majis M. Islamya, where Africans from Kenya and neighboring countries were being converted to Islam and were being offered trips to the Middle East. Officials at the school, located about a mile from the Paradise Hotel, refused to comment.

About 235 Israelis vacationing in the seaside Mombassa resorts were taken home yesterday in military planes, along with a seriously injured Kenyan woman who was airlifted to Israel for surgery.

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Passenger train derails

ATHENS, Greece (AP) An overnight passenger train derailed and tumbled into a gorge in southern Greece early Tuesday, injuring at least 15 passengers, authorities said.

Initial reports from passengers of possible fatalities were not confirmed after rescue workers scrambled to the accident site from nearby towns and by helicopter from Athens. At least three of the passengers were seriously injured, authorities said.

The National Railway Service said 25 passengers and three crew members were on the train when the accident occurred shortly before 2 a.m. near Megalopolis, a town about 220 kilometers (135 miles) southwest of Athens.

There was no immediate indication as to the cause of the accident, authorities said.

The train was traveling from the southern city of Kalamata to the port of Piraeus near Athens.

The injured passengers were taken to nearby hospitals.

Asian pre-emptive strikes criticized

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) Australia on Tuesday labeled as "absurd" and "nonsense" Asian claims that its call for pre-emptive strikes against terrorists on foreign soil meant it was about to declare war and bomb its neighbors.

"If we learned that there was to be an attack on Australians ... we would not sit back and allow Australians to be killed if we could stop it," Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told CNN television. "But to extrapolate from all of this that Australia's actually got some sort of new doctrine that it's going to bomb its neighbors is really just absurd."

Southeast Asian countries are angry after Australian Prime Minister John Howard demanded Sunday changes in the U.N. Charter to permit a country to conduct pre-emptive strikes against terrorists in other countries.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad - Asia's longest-serving leader - said he would regard any pre-emptive strike by Australia on Malaysian soil as an act of war.

Chris Kenny, a spokesman for Downer, said while he was not aware of the specific comments made by Mahathir, "there's been a lot of nonsense around about this issue."

Howard's domestic opponents have accused him of irresponsibly trying to woo voters worried about terrorism following the Oct. 12 bombings on Indonesia's resort island of Bali. The attack left nearly 200 people dead - almost half of them Australian tourists.

Foreign Minister visits Afghanistan

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) New Zealand Foreign Minister Phil Goff will visit Afghanistan later this week for talks with top government officials, humanitarian groups and military personnel, he said Tuesday.

A key issue will be discussions over setting up an Afghan national army to help provide stability for the fledgling state, Goff said.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Monday he wants to create a 70,000-strong national army and ban private militias.

International peacekeepers in Kabul estimate the national army already has between 1,000 and 1,500 men under arms.

New Zealand, which has elite commando troops there as part of an international force, could play a part in setting up the new army as a step toward diluting the power of private militias controlled by ethnic warlords, Goff said.

"I'll be discussing the sort of ways New Zealand can assist the ongoing needs in Afghanistan," he said.

"The international community cannot afford to allow a vacuum once again to exist in that country from which terrorist groups like al-Qaida could operate," he added.

A national army is seen as key to establishing stability in Afghanistan.

Goff will also visit neighboring Iran, the first visit there by a New Zealand minister in a decade.

Turkey

Turkey for a day

by Elizabeth Adams
Senior Staff Writer

You may have noticed something peculiar on campus on November 22nd: a grown man dressed up as a turkey, running around collecting donations and getting pictures taken with various students and faculty.

Mortar Board, the senior honors society, sponsored Turkey Day 2002. Voting for the event took place outside the cafeteria during the week of November 11. Students and staff voted by putting money down, any amount, on a participating faculty member, and the person who has the most money bid on him or her had to dress up like a turkey on November 22. Faculty members participating were: Dr. Boylan, Dr. Tim Cuff, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Webster, Dr. Swerdlow, Dr. Mackenzie, Coach Haas, Professor Rosengarth and Dr. Harms.

Dr. Timothy Cuff won the event by a large margin and had the honor of dressing up as a turkey for the day. The costume was rented from Costume World in the Strip District and consisted of stockings, turkey feet, a turkey tail, and an impressive turkey body and head.

"I now believe that professional and/or college sports mascots really do 'earn' their pay," Dr. Cuff stated. "The costume can be quite hot and being 'in character' for hours at a time really takes a lot of mental energy."

Dr. Cuff also found the outfit to be a useful didactic device.

"Aside from the potential personal appropriateness of being dressed as a turkey (which I will allow others to assess), it was useful to be in costume on Friday the 22nd as my geography class began its discussions of agriculture around the globe, particularly large scale 'industrial' type agriculture," Dr. Cuff stated.

Junior Ian Brown noticed the turkey immediately.

"I was walking toward the cafeteria, and I saw this huge turkey hanging around the sidewalk with Dr. Grove and Heather

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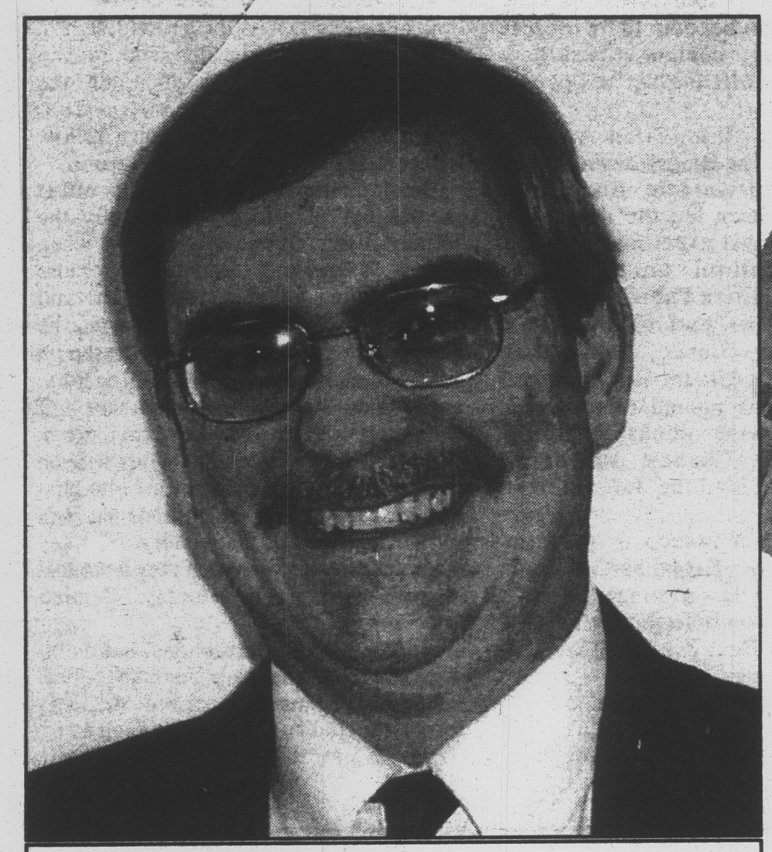
Heather Vereb (left) and Molly Householder (right) were in charge of turning Timothy Cuff into Turkey Cuff.

Cuff Spread



Little did his students know Dr. Timothy Cuff likes to dress in Turkey feathers when no one's around...

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Vereb. At first I was nervous, but then I saw he was passing out candy, so I went over and had my picture taken with him. Candy is a stronger motivator than fear," Brown said.

Digital pictures were taken of Dr. Cuff and those who wished to donate a small sum into his bucket of funds. He also received a paid lunch in the cafeteria and the leftovers from the candy distribution on the quad. "Generally, the day was a great deal of fun. It was nice to relate to people from a slightly 'feathered' perspective and be able to bring a smile to so many faces," Dr. Cuff stated.

Ericka Peterson, vice president of Mortar Board, was happy with the event's success. "Dr. Cuff was the perfect person to win. He was very personable and enthusiastic, which made people want to have their pictures taken with him," Peterson said. "We raised over $200 for the National Council for Family Literacy," she added.

Mortar Board will also be sponsoring Bunny Day, a similar event, in the spring.

SPORTS

WC Titans trot to the finish line

by Megan Mamula
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsored the first annual Titan Trot. The event consisted of a 5K run, relay and children's race. Proceeds from the run benefited the Lawrence County Rescue Mission.

About 100 runners participated in the early morning 5K race, which was open to the community as well as Westminster students. The race began at the field house and wove around campus. Later, fraternities, sororities, and other campus organizations participated in a 5K relay, which was held on the same course. Finally, a kid's race was held on the track.

Senior Bridgette Kennedy, one of the event's coordinators, was pleased with the turnout.

"We had a lot of involvement from the campus, the community and people from all over. We hope the Titan Trot becomes an annual event, and that it gets bigger each year."

B.G. Davison participated as a member of the Sigma Nu relay team.

"The race gave us the opportunity to participate in an event that's for a good cause," he said. "We'll try to win, but we're just here to have fun."

Sigma Kappa and Sigma Nu defeated other relay teams, while students John Libert and Katie Spehar placed first overall in the men's and women's 5K races. Medals were awarded for the top finishers in each age bracket.

SGA provided coffee, bagels, fruit and water while a DJ played music for participants and onlookers after the race. Winners of each race received awards ranging from a 20-pound turkey to an authentic Titan Trot medal. Runners were entered into a raffle featuring gift certificates from The Tavern, Short Stop or Elizabeth's Feed Mill. Each participant also received a Titan Trot tee shirt.

Seniors celebrate last victory

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

Amid the cold drizzle and upon a mud-ridden field, on Saturday, Nov. 16, seniors played their final collegiate football game.

For a group that spent its first three years of play at Westminster mired in athletic purgatory, the Titan seniors entered this season as active participants in the NCAA D-III Presidents Athletic Conference. Though a conference championship finally lay within reach, as Head Coach Jerry Schmitt pointed out, victories are Westminster's ideal prize.

"I think it did [motivate us to be eligible], but at Westminster, we play for an undefeated season. It's our main motivation," Schmitt said.

Offensively, the Titans played four seniors. Brandon Apple, Philip Neel and Rick Roden anchored the offensive line. While from his tight end position, Nevin Baker strengthened both the running and passing games. Apple and Baker earned first-team PAC All-Conference honors, while Neel and Roden were named to the PAC honorable mention squad. Baker has also been named to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District II Football Team. Without question, with their graduation, someone will need to step it up next season. Baker looks to Glenn Silvidi to be that leader.

"Silvidi needs to anchor the line. He needs to become an offensive leader," Baker said. "The offense will be fine if they let Glenn become their leader. There's a great nucleus of skilled players and the offense can be opened up."

Defensively, five Titan seniors took the field. Joe Bianco anchored the defense from his middle linebacker position. Joe Stern led the defensive backs, as the most experienced member of a youthful unit. Charles "Chief" Kiger, Erick Pabis, and Barry Marks rotated as part of the Titan defensive line. Bianco, Pabis, and Stern earned first-team PAC honors, while Kiger was named to the PAC second-team. Kiger looks for Tony Ventresco, Jim Chaney, and Jerry Bonenberger to lead the defense next season.

"I look for Ventresco to perform well next year," Kiger said. "Look for Chaney and Jason Sonata to play well again. Also, Bonenberger holds a ton of potential. Next year, we'll see him reveal that potential."

This season, the Titans battled to a 6-4 record, 4-1 in the PAC, the Titan's 47th winning season in the past 51 years. In an undulating season, the Titans' performed their finest the season's final game, a victory against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

In their final collegiate contest, the senior class battled as the Titans fought a constant rain, a muddy field, and a feisty Waynesburg team. Through it all, the Titans persevered, overcame a 16-0 deficit, and finally capitalized on a Yellow Jacket fumble late in the fourth quarter.

Westminster's final scoring effort exemplified Titan football. Grit-fully, the Titans fought for one last victory, when after a Waynesburg fumble, sophomore Scott Froelich found a cutback lane and hurdled his way into the end zone to take the lead, 33-29. Scott's brother, freshman Tom Froelich sealed the Titan victory, intercepting Waynesburg quarterback Jeff Dumm on the Yellow Jackets' final drive.

Coach Schmitt sees the effort against Waynesburg as a stepping-stone into next season. "The poise, the persistence, and resilience earned us that victory. The key is to make them realize that they have that in them every single Saturday," Schmitt said.

For the seniors, careers end, but memories live on. On a dreary November afternoon, the Titans exemplified the way football should be played, snatching a victory from a formidable Waynesburg team.

WC Sports briefs

Women's Basketball

The Westminster College women's basketball team saw its record drop to 2-2 on the season tonight at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium, as the Lady Titans suffered a 59-48 loss to undefeated Otterbein College (4-0) in their 2002-03 home opener. Westminster has now dropped two straight games.

Cold shooting and turnovers doomed the Lady Titans in the first half, as the Cardinals closed the period with a 22-6 run over the final 11:20 to turn a two-point lead (12-10) into an 18-point halftime advantage (34-16). Westminster quickly cut the lead to eight points (34-26) with 13:44 to play in the game, but Otterbein responded with a 14-1 run over the next 5:09 to take build the lead to 21 points (48-27) with 8:35 to play. The Cardinals would hold a double-digit lead the rest of the way, despite a late Westminster run which closed the final margin to 11 points.

Katy Witt was the lone Otterbein player to score in double figures, as she led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points. For Westminster, sophomore forward Erica Tallo (Oakdale/West Allegheny H.S.) tallied a game-high and season-high 18 points, while also grabbing nine rebounds and posting a team-best three blocks. Senior forward Samor Himes (Irwin/Penn-Trafford H.S.) tied her season-high in rebounds with a game-high 13 boards, while senior guard Jennifer Petures (Monaca/Center H.S.) dished out a team-high five assists in the loss.

Men's basketball to rebound next season

by Jarrod Takah
Sports Writer

In its first active PAC season, the Westminster Men's Basketball team looks to rebound from last season's 10-15 record (3-7 in the PAC).

Though last year's record appears negative, the Titans earned a wealth of game experience. The team returns 11 of 13 letter winners from last year's squad, losing lone senior Ryan Oman to graduation.

"Experience will definitely benefit us this season. We've been there before, so this year, we're looking to win the games that we let slip away last season. We'll win the games we should win," senior center Greg Foster said.

The Titans return three seniors, Foster, and guards Jeff Simmons and Rick Giordano. Last season, Foster earned two post-season awards, receiving PAC Coaches Honors, posting team highs in rebounds per game and blocked shots. Foster was also named to the Spring 2002 PAC All-Academic team.

Returning starting point guard, Mike Hill dished out 63 assists as a sophomore and joined Foster on the PAC All-Academic team. Hill and big men Tom Freed and Greg Scott represent the junior class.

The sophomore class solidifies the Titan backcourt. Guards Chris Hatch, Craig Bohyer, Justin Crum, and Andy Krawchyk return for their sophomore seasons ready to become impact players. Forward Pat O'Connor finalizes the guard-dominated sophomore class. Hatch led his classmates with a scoring averaged of 6.7 points per game last season as a freshman. This season, he looks for his classmates to become a more valuable asset to the team.

"The sophomore class has a lot of guys, who got a chance to contribute as freshman [last season], and now that we've got a year under our belts, we're focused on having a successful season," Hatch said.

The Titan "hoopers" are now adding seven players to their roster. Joining the squad this year as first-year students are Jason Bedillion, Micah Delo, Brian Fadden, Shane McCullough, Nate Luce, Quay Rosengarth and David Soda.

"The freshmen this year have been very promising. They've been able to find a way to compete for positions on the floor and still blend in with our team concept," Hatch added.

Following a 3-7 mark against PAC opponents last season, the Titans are poised to improve. Experience appears to be the Titan cagers' fiercest asset.

"Experience will definitely benefit our team this year. We had a lot of guys get valuable playing time last season. It should pay off in conference play," O'Connor said.

The Titans kickoff the 2002-2003 campaign on Friday, Nov. 22 in the annual Buzz Ridl Classic.

No college playoffs, BCS here to stay

by Steven Brink
Sports Writer

'Tis the season to be jolly: at least for non-college football fans. Ladies and Gentlemen it's that time of year again; and no, I'm not talking about Christmas. It's the time of year when the entire sports nation complains about the Bowl Championship Series, and the fact that there's no playoff system in college football.

Every season the issue comes up. People have to face the fact that there is not going to be a playoff, at least not in the near future. A playoff wouldn't necessarily be a good thing either. College football has one of the greatest regular seasons in all of sports. Losing one game doesn't kill you in college basketball, but it does in football. Seemingly, every year a loss ends all hopes of a national championship. If college football were to adopt a playoff system, the regular season wouldn't mean as much. Are people willing to pay that price? Sure we would have 3 or 4 great games at the end of December, but that would take away from all of the drama in September and October. Is it really worth it?

Every sports fan feels the need to bash the BCS, and yes, there are problems. But the BCS is a lot better than the previous system. Five years ago, Ohio State and Miami wouldn't have had the opportunity to play each other (see Nebraska and Michigan in '97). The BCS is slowly making very small steps towards a good system. However, the problem isn't the lack of a playoff. The problem is that some deserving teams get left out of the BCS.

There are six major conferences in Division I football. They are: the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, SEC and the Pac-10. Each conference is guaranteed to have its respective champion in a BCS bowl game. This year, Florida State won the ACC Conference. Despite having a 9-4 record, the Seminoles are likely headed to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day. FSU was inches away from beating Miami in the Orange Bowl, but they were spanked at home by Notre Dame, and lost to two unranked teams on the road. Nevertheless, they are going to a BCS bowl game because they're the best team in a below-average conference. Seems unfair doesn't it? Listen to this. Let's say Arkansas upsets Georgia in the SEC Championship on Saturday. Arkansas would get the BCS invite even though they have three losses. The Razorbacks would then likely face Florida State in the Sugar Bowl. How many people would be excited about that game? Not too many.

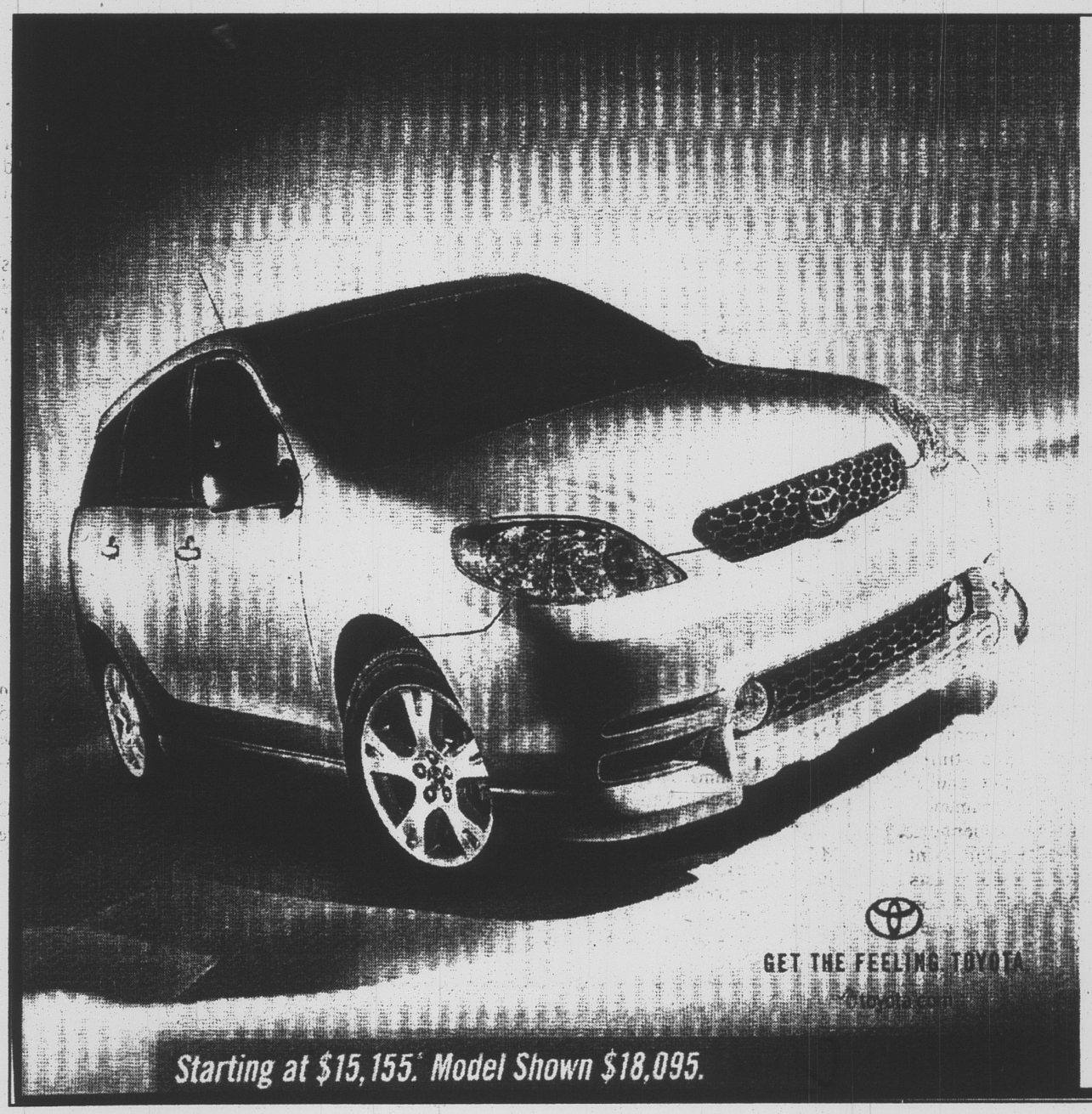
What's most upsetting is the fact that there are a number of quality two loss teams that deserve to be in a BCS bowl game. USC, Notre Dame and Kansas State all deserve the BCS bid over Florida State. Start with Notre Dame. The Irish produce so much fan base, that it would be almost impossible to overlook them. Notre Dame finished 10-2 with one of the hardest schedules in the country. They beat Michigan at home and Florida State on the road. Notre Dame would be great for any BCS game because they produce such high television ratings. Therefore, whichever bowl they went to would get more exposure.

How can we forget about USC? The Trojans destroyed Notre Dame by 31 points last week. USC finished 10-2 with the hardest schedule in the country. Their only losses came on the road, and both were to top ten teams (Kansas State and Washington State). Each loss occurred early in the season, and the Trojans are currently ranked fourth in the BCS Standings.

Finally, there is Kansas State, another team with a 10-2 record. The Wildcats are one of the hottest teams in the country right now. They outscored their last four opponents by a combined score of 209 to 20 (two of those teams are going to bowl games this year: Nebraska and Iowa State). Kansas State already beat the USC Trojans at home back in September. Their losses came at Colorado and at home against Texas (both teams are currently ranked in the Top 12). They lost those two games by a combined total of 7 points.

The real question is which one of these three teams should get the BCS bid. Unless something terrible happens, Iowa is probably safe. They will more than likely be going to the Rose Bowl. That leaves one at-large BCS spot available. Notre Dame? USC? Kansas State? If I had to pick, I would go with Kansas State. The Wildcats could easily be undefeated now and they already beat USC. But who am I to decide the future of three teams that could be left out of the BCS, lose millions of dollars and also national TV exposure? Sports fans shouldn't worry about getting rid of the BCS altogether. What they should worry about is getting the four-loss teams out, and the more deserving teams in.

Although I don't particularly care for either team, I will be rooting for UCLA to upset Washington State this weekend. Then, USC and Iowa will play in Pasadena, and the Orange Bowl must decide between Kansas State and Notre Dame. At least then two teams will go to a BCS bowl instead of one. That way there won't be as much to complain about



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OPINION

Rant and Rave

Eww...you did a hocker on your shirt.

I HATE MATH

Why is there a tree on the container for recycling aluminum?

Only in New Wilmington can you find a horseshoe just laying by the side of the road.

Don't smoke crack.

Yeah there are still 5 minutes until dinner starts and I'm starving.

I put the bone sticker on your mailbox. Haha!

Viva la revolution!

Ok, I'm done now.

Brownie the hamburger says...if I'm pink in the middle I'm cooked to little!

Hey cafeteria, Hoover called. They want their suck back.

My favorite day of the year is the day after finals!

Why does everyone on this campus go home on the weekends?

Ack! Snow!

I miss when the radio was good.

That sick feeling in the pit of your stomach. Yeah, that's finals.

I heart power.

Some theatre majors should just stop.

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OUR VIEW: Visitation Hours

For the moment, forget about the fact that none of the dorms on campus are co-ed. Just set that one aside for the time being and let's look at another aspect of Westminster dorm life—visitation hours.

The idea of having someone of the opposite sex out of your room by midnight tends to be a good idea when you are a freshman. After all, most incoming students do not meet their roommate until the first day, and a curfew on sweethearts can help avoid a lot of awkward roommate moments. However, by the time you become an upperclassman you should know your roommate well enough to be able to work out when the significant other can stay over and when they cannot.

The idea that students are not mature enough to handle their own affairs is ridiculous. Which is what the imposed visitation hours are saying basically—"You cannot be trusted to have a boy/girl in your room after midnight." Because everyone knows midnight is the magical hour when everyone turns into hormone driven crazed beasts.

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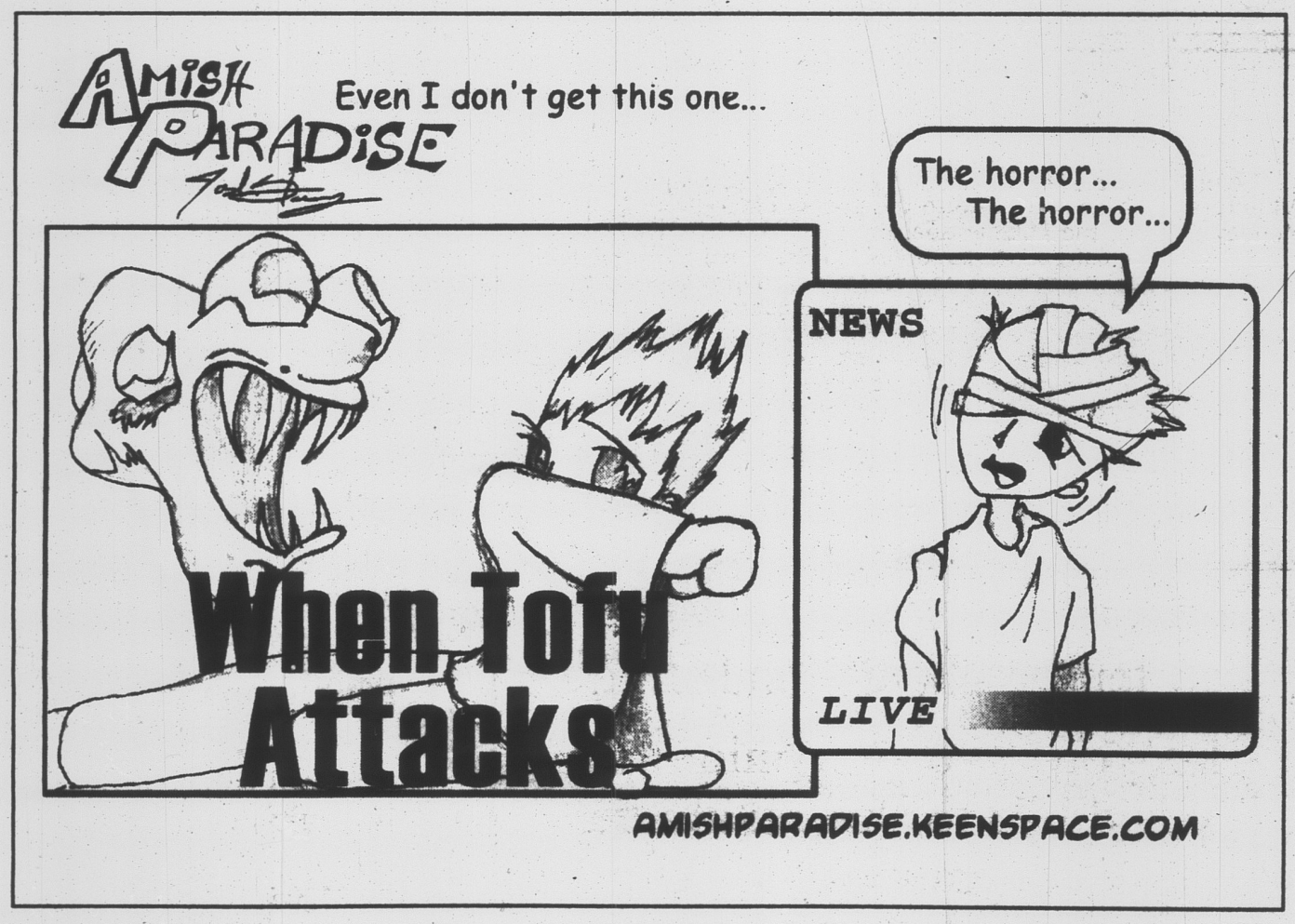
Perhaps it is an issue of peace and quiet? After all, if you cannot have girls in your room after midnight then you will not have wild parties every night of the week and the hall will stay quiet and your neighbors will stay sane. That is what quiet hours and RAs are for.

Let's be honest here, if someone really wants to spend the night in someone of the opposite sex's room they will. Visitation hours are just a pretty veil the college puts on the brochures to appease parents: "Oh, it must be a safe school, they have a curfew." Yes this is a safe school, but how much of that safety is assured by kicking our friends out at midnight.

Why should a student have to pay a fine if she and her friends happen to be night owls?

The visitation hours would not have to be completely eliminated, just limited to certain halls and freshmen dorms. Give the students a chance to prove they can be mature instead of assuming and punishing.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Eichenauer Hall, I am extremely upset at the incident that took place here sometime during the weekend of November 22-24th. It seems that someone decided to remove the glass face of the vending machine and proceed to clean out the entire stock of snack food for their own personal use. What is most upsetting about this incident is that it is not the first time it has happened. It happened about two weeks ago as well. As far as I know, no action was taken the first time, and now that it has happened again I urge security, the residence life staff, and anyone else with jurisdiction in this matter to step forward and sort this out. I know that I as well as many other students in Eichenauer do not want to share the resulting "Common Area Damage" fine for the violation against the owner of the machine. I also think that a few preventative measures could be taken as well. For example a camera in the lobby would reveal the culprit if they chose to vandalize the machine again. It is also possible to have machines with an alarm or tilt sensor that would bring attention to the crime as it happens. However if action is not taken on the school's part, I think that owner should be contacted and asked to pull his machines out of this dorm, so that he does not have to deal with the replacement or repair of his machines and the innocent residents of Eichenauer Hall will not have to bear the financial burden of one person's idiotic actions.

Sincerely,

Bradley Merklin

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Solaris and Die Another Day

Solaris
Biz Adams

This weekend I saw George Clooney and Steven Soderbergh's brainchild Solaris. Based on a novel by Stanislaw Lem, Solaris is a science fiction drama that raises many questions and leaves most unanswered.

I'm not great at recapping complicated plots, so I let the Internet Movie Database handle this one. According to IMDB, here's the synopsis: Upon arrival at the space station orbiting an ocean world called Solaris, a psychologist discovers that the commander of an expedition to the planet has died mysteriously. Other strange events soon start happening as well, such as the appearance of old acquaintances of the crew, including some who are dead.

I went into this movie thinking two things: Steven Soderbergh and George Clooney's butt. Instead of publicizing the movie for its actual content and genre, the media has focused on the fame of Soderbergh (think Erin Brokovich and Traffic) and the incredibly not-shocking double view of George's posterior. Besides the barrage of Star Trek and Star Wars movies every few years, science fiction has taken the backseat at the box office in the last decade, so maybe that's why Solaris has been portrayed more as a romantic drama. But basically, it's just weird with a few redeeming themes and moments.

I have trouble taking any film set in outer space seriously, so please note the chip on my shoulder. However, I did enjoy the ideas presented in this movie: the nature of existence, the power of culpability, and the importance of memory. I didn't enjoy the surplus of dramatic pauses and slow-talking. In fact, I think the movie would have been better if the characters would have talked a little faster.

See Solaris when it comes out on tape so you can fast forward when it gets too long-winded.

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Die Another Day
Josh Storey

There are only three films that will make money this holiday season: Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and James Bond. All the others will be shoved aside and forgotten about until they reach the rental shelves.

Pierce Brosnan comes back for another go at playing the ulter smooth secret agent--Bond, James Bond, and for his time in the role he does a top notch job. Out of all the actors who have played Bond in the past 20 films (yes that's right, *Die Another Day* is the twentieth Bond sequel) Brosnan ranks right under Shawn Conery.

Don't go to this movie expecting high cinema, go expecting to have fun. If you do this you won't be a let down. From the gadgets to the cars to the action to the plot (well, lets not go into the plot, it is an action movie after all) *Die Another Day* is a first rate fun fest.

Sure the villians are cheesy and the plot is far fetched (there's an invisible car for goodness sake), but what did you expect any less from 007?

Judi Dench returns to her role as M and though her time on screen is brief her presence is, as always, powerful. John Cleese also returns as Bond's gageteer Q. Cleese is worth watching in any role. If you're looking for fun this winter that doesn't involve Hobbits or Wizards, give good ol' 007 a try.

Elusive search for stress relief

by Jillian Jordan
A&E Editor

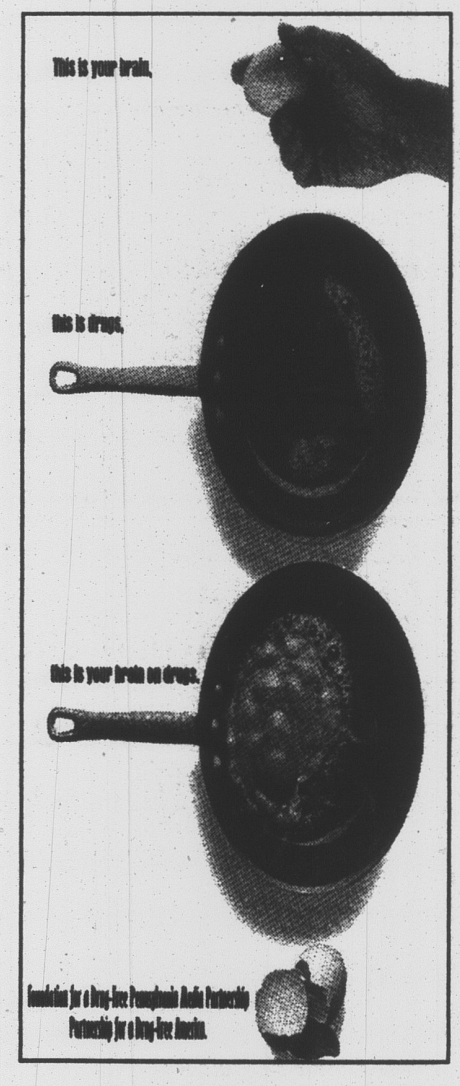
We have now come upon the weekend before finals. It's a time when all that you want to do is relax, but you seem to have a heavier workload on your shoulders now than you've had this year thus far. True, it doesn't seem fair, but look at it this way: Once this week has passed, we will all be on our way home to visit friends, catch up with family,and hopefully earn some money to use for books in the spring. Christmas time is filled with the usual hustle and bustle that you only think you are escaping by leaving Westminster. The upcoming visiting may end up being more tiring than the studying will be. Although the holidays wear all of us down, there are numerous things to keep in mind that will surely keep you from collapsing from exhaustion.

We can't help but rewind the old family home videos from past holidays and gather around the television laughing at how ridiculous we used to look and act. Even more fun to watch are the old-time television specials. If you visit the website, http://pittsburgh.about.com/library/blholidaytv3.htm, you can check out all of the holiday specials from Jack Frost to It's a Wonderful Life. Although we may not be as tempted to buy a movie ticket to see Treasure Planet, the old holiday movies that we used to watch as child still seem to capture our minds in the same way that they had fifteen years ago.

Another thing to look forward to is the spectacular display of lights that can be seen throughout just about every neighborhood. I'd suggest taking a drive through your neighborhood and checking out the hard work of your fellow decorators. For an even more thrilling light spectacular, take a trip to Pittsburgh's holiday fun festival, which runs through January 7th. You can go ice skating at PPG Place or even just stop over to check out the Pittsburgh Memories display of holiday photos dated back to the late 1800's. There are numerous holiday activities going on almost every day! Check out Pittsburgh's holiday spots:http://pittsburgh.about.com/library/weekly/aa111201c.htm.

Whether you like to shop or not, this is the time of year that it needs to be done! Not in the mood to stand in line elbow to elbow with grumpy shoppers finding that the advertised items are sold out? Shop on-line! It's just as easy, saves time, and saves you a lot of stress. Go to Target.com or any of the websites for your favorite stores to find good deals and a much shorter line for the cash register! Remember: it's the thought that counts, not how or when you buy the presents.

However you decide to spend your holiday, do your best to get through this week without stressing too much. Keep my ideas in mind and you just may find yourself whizzing through finals with ease. Have a safe, relaxing, much-needed Christmas break!



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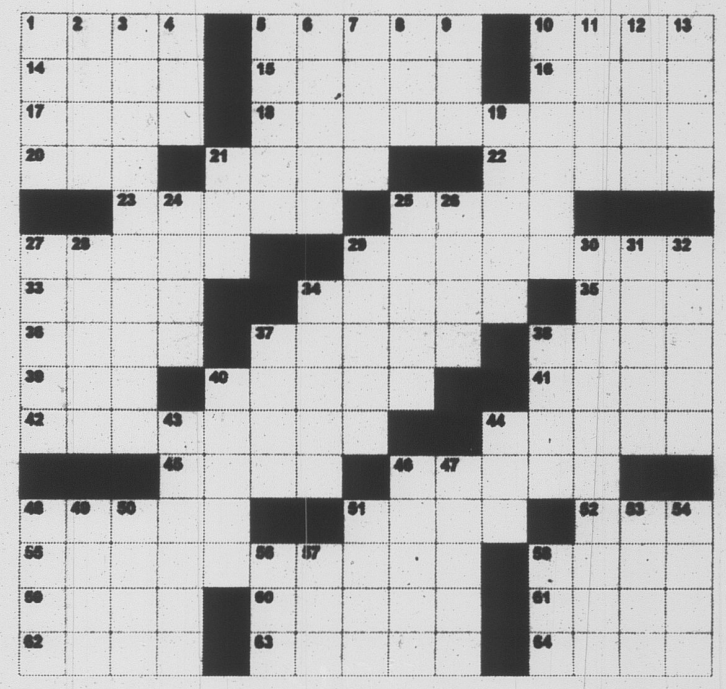
By Ed Canty



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14 Golf club
15 Dish out
16 Musical group
17 Broadway light
18 Holier-than-thou
20 Pop
21 Shipped
22 Actor Alan & family
23 Idolize
25 Garage event
27 Oxygen & nitrogen
29 Outsider
33 Racing sled
34 Flimflams
35 Barcelona cheer
36 Stench
37 Follows second
38 Memorization by repetition
39 Baseball's Hodges
40 Sedimentary rock
41 A false god
42 Baptismal VIP
44 Lavatories:Slang
45 Actress Russo
46 Dish
48 Declare invalid
51 Actor Ladd
52 Objective
55 Christian holy day
58 ____ gin fizz
59 Other
60 Repent
61 Mr. Preminger
62 Go-getter
63 Whistler's Mother, e.g.
64 Unfreeze

Down

1 Obey orders
2 Topic
3 Excellent
4 Hostel
5 Stake
6 Solitary
7 Atlantic City sight
8 Pea holder
9 Pigpen
10 Second base at times
11 Urge
12 Verdi's creation
13 Playthings
19 Blowouts
21 Distress signal
24 Buckskin provider
25 Gape
26 Soldier's organization
27 Hot punch
28 Sound
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30 Toast part
31 Singer John
32 Fishing pole attachments
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37 Leg bone
38 State of disorder
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43 More primitive
44 Ms. Brett:Children's author
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Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.

• • • *George Burns*

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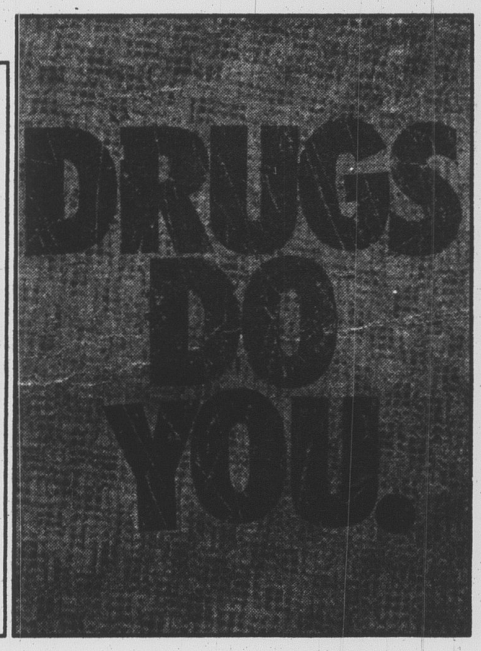


HOROSCOPES

By Miss Anna

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)
Just when you were on a roll, your momentum slows down and everything sputters to a snail's pace. Plan a few outings to spice things up. If you've been holding your feelings back, don't go to the other extreme and express affections intensely.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
You may feel on top of the world, both physically and emotionally - don't take unnecessary risks. Use a close friend as a sounding board for those ideas that have been churning within you for some time. If practical, your ideas will be good.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
Just being yourself will be a big asset in the workplace and at home. Your personal finance situation is rosy, be aware of get rich quick schemes, and make sure to think things through completely. Adjust to whatever it is that is bothering you.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
Doors will open which will lead to wonderful family, property or household developments. Start the week with your eye fixed on an important target. If you don't concentrate and stick to your resolve, a number of possible distractions will send you off course.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
Your romantic prospects are likely to enjoy a lively upswing during the weeks ahead, as well as life in general. You will no doubt have more free time for pleasures. The romance theme will continue for some time, but you now have a more realistic view about love.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
A brighter future, concerning career activities, will now be in plain view. Many actions will be related to your income, so plan carefully. There is a fortunate accent on your home and property interests this week, and your personal aims are supported by all.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
Don't push your luck concerning a job or career opportunity. Confidence is good, but what you may be banking on now is not a sure thing. Your efficiency on the job will be noted by a superior. You will receive answers to some questions today.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
Caution is the keyword. Try not to sound off in the heat of the moment; you will no doubt say things you will later regret. Be careful regarding any transportation plans. You have ideas which will eventually come to fruitation, but be practical.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
Love and marriage is definitely in the air. If you are already married, you and your partner will share and communicate even more, which will strengthen the rapport within your relationship. If you are presently on the sidelines, you may soon fall in love!

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
This week may seem long and unduly drawn out. There is trouble everywhere you look, so be aware of what you say and what you do; others may be overly sensitive. Concentrate on doing your best at work, instead of worrying about romantic uncertainties.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
Don't take on anymore tasks than you can really handle, or you may find yourself feeling totally drained. If there is a problem, you need to speak out and not let negative feelings fester inside. Work on your various friendships this week, people need to know you care.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
A family member or friend could use some of your sympathy and quiet understanding this week. You are in tune to a lover's feelings and are appreciated for this fact. Watch out for any mood swings which may cause you to overdo it with regards to spending or eating and drinking.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You don't make it easy for other people to know you, putting up big walls between you and those around you and wondering why no one tries to get through them. Let others see your fun-loving side.

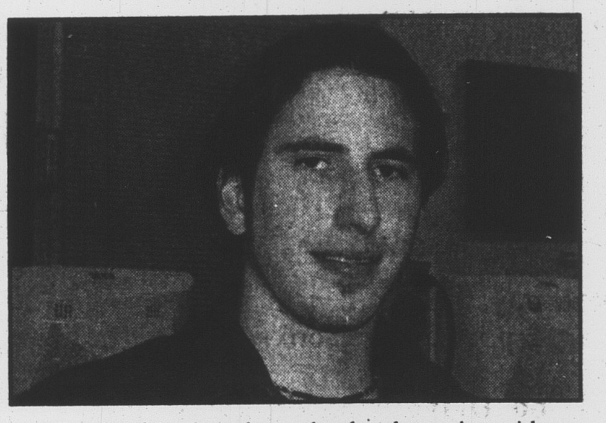
FEATURE

Question of the Week: Christmas

What does Christmas mean to you?

"For me, Christmas is a time when I can focus on what is important...family, friends and loved ones."
- Megan Mamula, senior

"It means I have to go to church for the first time all year to hang out with my family. Plus free presents!"
- Michael Armstrong, senior



"Family, friends and no school and partying with my brothers at PKT. Oh yeah, Christ was born then too."
- Nick Kleck, sophomore

"To me it means a special time of year when your spirit comes alive because it's Jesus' birthday. It's a special time when everyone wants to spend time with their family. I just love Christmas! It's my favorite!" **– Tandi Lane, sophomore**

"Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and God's love for everyone. It's also a wonderful time to gather with family and friends." **– Michele Gerring, senior**

"Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birth and to be giving. It's a time to get together with family and friends." **– April Mohn, freshman**

"Christmas, to me, is time to be with my family and friends. To enjoy our time together and celebrate a wonderful holiday. Oh yeah, and the PRESENTS are always a plus!" **– Willis Bretz, sophomore**

"Christmas is a time to relax, give, work and for us seniors, prepare for the next semester or the rest of our lives." **– Tracy Gulling, senior**

"When it's not overshadowed by busyness, Christmas is a joyful time. I try to reflect on the importance of Jesus' birth and appreciate the real gifts life offers." **– Yvonne Ayers, McGill Library**

"Christmas means no school for a while so I get to sit around and be lazy." **– Joe Vitullo, sophomore**

What are the holidays about anymore?

by Glynnis Armagost
Feature Editor

Christmas comes once a year. There are presents to buy, cards to send, trees to decorate, cookies to bake...it is one big rush. The preparation seems to start earlier and earlier every year. It isn't even Halloween by the time stores start advertising for Christmas essentials. That troubles me. It seems like Christmas is only about commercialized hype while we all fall for the "I need this" and "I want that" syndrome. What is Christmas about anyway?

My family, the strange, eclectic group of people that they are, decorates for a different theme each Christmas season. It never surprises me when people ask questions while visiting my house. My favorite theme was the year when my father draped aluminum foil from the ceiling around the entire living room filling it with seven Christmas trees with white lights...a Christmas Wonderland. Christmas has always been full of enchantment at my house. But one thing I always wondered about was how many other children had the luxury of Santa's elves living in their attic.

In the days before Santa's arrival, my older sister and I would rush out of bed to find neat trinkets in the bottom of our stockings. The elves would leave us Christmas videos, coloring books, candy...all the good stuff children want. I really thought that these daily visitations were a normal occurrence in every household. If they happened at my house why wouldn't they be normal?

You would think when you were in elementary school having little men with pointy ears living in your attic would be awesome. Well guess what? No one believed me. Who would think that second graders would expect proof of this phenomenon?

Well proof is what they wanted so proof is what we tried for. My dad "volunteered" to set up his video camera in the hallway to capture the magic of the night. Surprisingly the next morning, the cords were all messed up accompanied by a note in a strange language. No toys, no goodies, and no proof.

The elves came every year up until fifth grade when a disturbed youth had to break the news to me that Santa Clause was not real. No Santa equals no elves equals a disappointed, embarrassed ten year old.

This year my family is presenting a theme that we have never tried before; an all-natural Christmas. My father dug a tree out of the ground with most of the roots still in tacked and used a big tub full of dirt so the tree has a chance to survive. The ornaments will be made from fruits, nuts and pinecones. The part of the theme that everyone is having a hard time dealing with is that we aren't supposed to buy our presents. We have to make them.

Why does that have to be so hard for my family? I realize that making gifts takes time that no one has especially when you can go to a hundred different stores to find gifts that suit people. It is so much easier to spend hundreds of dollars on gifts instead of saving money by making them.

Corporate America makes it too easy not to want to fulfill an all-natural Christmas. The ads that fill our papers and television screens that tell us to buy this, you need that, everyone is getting one of these...our mouths water at the thought of new Christmas toys.

So what does that say about the meaning of Christmas? Is my family too busy, too possessed by the neon flashing lights saying "Buy Me" to actually take the time to make the season right? Did we some how forget the enchantment that each Christmas theme brings? Sometimes I wish I were that second grader, lost in the world of the elves again. I would worry about what I would find in my stocking from the elves each morning. I would worry about whether or not I was a good girl under Santa's qualifications. All I can do now is worry what Christmas is supposed to be about. Can anyone tell me?

Classifieds

Stress Reduction Days offers Joyce Houck, message therapist, at the Student Health Center, Monday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 10, from noon-4 p.m. Call the Health Center at ext. 7927 to schedule an appointment.

Down Under Study Hours are 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 10-13.

CASH for Books is Dec. 11-14 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Bookstore.

Food Drive sponsored by the Panhellenic Council is scheduled Dec. 3-9. Non perishables and canned food can be placed in boxes located in the TUB, dining rooms, and faculty lounges. All food goes to the Lawrence County Women's Shelter.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY 6
W Basketball @ Hope College Tournament
M&W Swimming @ Akron Invitational
Panhellenic Food Drive Through 12/9 - Faculty Lounges and Residence Halls
11:40 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Allies Meeting - TC 315
Alpha Psi Omega Children's Theatre:
The Trial of Goldilocks - Beeghly Theater
7:00 p.m. "Tis the Season" - Planetarium (HSC 116)
8:00 p.m. Intramurals Event: Darts Tournament - Down Under
9:00 p.m. Stargazing (weather permitting) - Hoyt Science Center
10:00 p.m. JT's Café

SATURDAY 7
All Day College Bowl - Down Under
W Basketball @ Hope College Invitational
Alpha Psi Omega Children's Theatre:
The Trial of Goldilocks - Beeghly Theater
Panhellenic Food Drive Through 12/9 - Faculty Lounges and Residence Halls
1:00 p.m. Student Recital: Melody Hetzler - Chapel
3:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Frostburg State (H)
M&W Swimming @ University of Akron Invitational
7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. "Tis the Season" - Planetarium (HSC 116)

SUNDAY 8
Panhellenic Food Drive Through 12/9 - Faculty Lounges and Residence Halls
1:00 p.m. Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation - Chapel
3:45 p.m. Christmas Vespers Family Dinner - Russell Dining Room
6:15 p.m. IFC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Christmas Vespers
8:15 p.m. Rotaract Club - TC 315
8:30 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting - PH 311
9:00 p.m. Movie - Down Under

MONDAY 9
Panhellenic Food Drive Ends Today - Faculty Lounges and Residence Halls
11:40 a.m. Chapel
5:15 p.m. Panhel
Greek Organizations' Meetings

CLASSES END

LLP Block II Classes End This Week
8:00 p.m. M Basketball vs. Penn State-Behrend (H)
9:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Activation - Chapel
9:30 p.m. Lambda Sigma Meeting - PH 114

TUESDAY 10
READING DAY
11:00 am Support Staff Christmas Luncheon – Down Under
Noon – 4:00 pm Stress Reduction Day – Student Health Center
8:00 pm Celebrity Series: Glenn Campbell Christmas Show – Orr Auditorium

WEDNESDAY 11
FINAL EXAMS
4:30 p.m. President's Christmas Open House for Campus Community/Tree Lighting and Caroling - Orr Lobby
4:30 p.m. Children's Literature Group - McGill Library
This Month's Topic: Favorite Picture Books
9:00 p.m. Cram Jam - Duff Dining Hall

THURSDAY 12

FINAL EXAMS
All Day - Honors Band Festival - Orr Auditorium
5:00 p.m. President's Christmas Open House for Community - Orr Lobby

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Friday:
Darts Tournament 8:00
JT's Cafe 10:00-2:00

Saturday:
College Bowl (all day)
Rocky Horror Picture Show 11:30

Weekly Events
Late Night-Mondays & Thursdays 10pm-2am
Tuesday Night at the Movies- Tuesdays 10pm

JT's Cafe

Come join us for free cappuccino while you enjoy the atmosphere. We will provide the music, pool, games and darts - you provide the chatting!

Baked goods will be available with the cappucinno. Try us out from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Down Under. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, December 6 from 10:00 p.m. til 2:00 a.m.